

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
TOWN OFFICERS
of the
Town of West Stockbridge



For the Fiscal Year Ending

June 30, 2021

Annual Town Meeting Date: May 2, 2022

Annual Town Election Date: May 9, 2022

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*Annual Town Meeting 2022 to be held on Monday, May 2, 2022 at the
Town Hall at 6 PM

*Annual Town Election 2022 to be held on Monday, May 9, 2022 at Town Hall from
10 AM until 7 PM

**Annual Report
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Town of West Stockbridge,
Berkshire County
Massachusetts
for the year ending June 30, 2021**



General Information

Tax Rate (per \$1,000 valuation)	\$12.56
Total Valuation	\$427,238,855
Residential	\$397,969,401
Personal Property	\$13,252,855
Commercial	\$13,421,099
Industrial	\$2,595,500
Total Tax Levy	\$5,366,120

Town first settled	1724
Town Incorporated	1774
Land Area	18.48 sq. mi.
Road Mileage	22.5 (paved) 12.5 (unpaved)
Elevation at Town Hall	925 ft.
Population (<i>U.S. Census, 2020</i>)	1,343
Population Density (<i>U.S. Census, 2010</i>)	70.7 per sq. mi.

Town Website	www.weststockbridge-ma.gov
Annual Town Meeting	First Monday in May
Annual Town Election	Second Monday in May

CURRENT MASSACHUSETTS CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION

Governor Charlie Baker

www.mass.gov/orgs/office-of-the-governor

Boston, MA	Springfield, MA	Washington, DC
Massachusetts State House	Western Mass Office	Office of Governor
Office of Governor	State Office Building	444 N. Capitol Street
24 Beacon Street, Room 280	436 Dwight Street	Suite 208
Boston, MA 02133	Suite 300	Washington, DC 20001
Office: 888-870-7770	Springfield, MA 01103	
	413-784-1200	202-624-7713

U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren

www.warren.senate.gov

309 Hart Senate Office Bldg.	Springfield Federal Bldg.	2400 JFK Fed Bldg.
Washington, DC 20510	1550 Main Street Suite 406	15 New Sudbury Street
	Springfield, MA 01103	Boston, MA 02203
Office: 202-224-4543	413-788-2690	617-565-3170

U.S. Senator Edward J. Markey

www.markey.senate.gov

255 Dirksen Senate Office Bldg.	Springfield Federal Bldg.	975 JFK Fed Bldg.
Washington, DC 20510	1550 Main Street 4 th FL	15 New Sudbury Street
	Springfield, MA 01103	Boston, MA 02203
Office: 202-224-2742	413-785-4610	617-565-8519

U. S. Representative Richard Neal

www.neal.house.gov

2309 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	300 State Street Suite 200	78 Center Street
Washington, DC 20515	Springfield, MA 01105	Pittsfield, MA 01201
Office: 202-225-5601	413-785-0325	413-442-0946

State Senator Adam Hinds

Adam.Hinds@masenate.gov

24 Beacon Street, Room 109-E	100 North Street Suite 410
Boston, MA 02133	Pittsfield, MA 01105
Office: 617-722-1625	Office: 413-344-4561

State Representative William “Smitty” Pignatelli

Rep.smitty@mahouse.gov

24 Beacon Street, Room 473 F	Lenox Town Hall
Boston, MA 02133	PO Box 2228
Office: 617-722-2210	Lenox MA 01240
	413-637-0631

Town Directory

All Town Office, Board, Committee, and Commission meetings are posted on the Town Hall Bulletin Board and are on file in the office of the Town Clerk. Town Board meeting agendas and minutes are available on the Town's website: weststockbridge-ma.gov

The Town Hall's phone number is: 413-232-0300. Town Hall Office extensions are listed below:

<u>Office</u>	<u>Telephone Number, or Extension</u>
Select Board	319
Town Administrator	319
Town Clerk	300
Town Collector	302
Treasurer	316
Building Inspector	313
Board of Assessors	303
Board of Health	314
Council on Aging	340
Library	308
Conservation Commission	300
Fire Dept. (non-emergency/business)	(413) 531-8837
Police Department	232-8500
Highway Department	232-0305
Transfer Station	232-0307
Waste Water Treatment Plant	232-0309
Animal Control Officer	(413) 464-2148

Fax Numbers

Select Board	232-7195
Town Offices	232-7195
Police Department	232-7938
Highway Department	232-0323
Fire Department	232-4127

EMERGENCY (POLICE, FIRE, EMT)

Post Office	232-8544
Charter Communications (Cable TV provider)	1-800-827-8288
Charter (cable service problems)	508-853-1515
Congregational Church	232-4256
St. Patrick's Church	232-4427
Berkshire Hills Regional School District	
Administration	298-4017
Monument Mt. High School	528-3346
Monument Valley Middle School	644-2300
Muddy Brook Elementary School	644-2350

Elected Town Officers

<u>Office</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Term / Expires</u>	
Select Board	Eric Shimelonis	3 yr.	2022
	Kathleen Keresey	3 yr.	2022
	Roger Kavanagh	3 yr.	2024
Moderator	Eugene A. Dellea	1 yr.	2022
Town Clerk	Ronni Barrett	3 yr.	2022
Town Collector	June Biggs	3 yr.	2022
Board of Assessors	Ed Sporn	3 yr.	2022
	Michelle Jenny	3 yr.	2023
	Susan Lupo	3 yr.	2024
Finance Committee	Michael Skorput	3 yr.	2022
	Andrew Krouss	3 yr.	2023
	Robert Salerno	3 yr.	2023
	Frank Lansberger	3 yr.	2024
	Dan Buehler	3 yr.	2024
Planning Board	Ryan Beattie	5 yr.	2022
	Gunnar Gudmundson	5 yr.	2023
	Andrew Fudge	5 yr.	2024
	Dana Bixby	5 yr.	2025
	Susan Lupo	5 yr.	2026
Board of Health	Earl Moffatt	3 yr.	2022
	David Finck	3 yr.	2023
	Kathy Korte	3 yr.	2024
Library Trustees	Gail Garrick	3 yr.	2022
	Andrew Potter	3 yr.	2023
	Beth Sack	3 yr.	2024
Cemetery Commissioner	Marion Loring	3 yr.	2022
	Mary Korte Kinmond	3 yr.	2023
	Earl Moffatt	3 yr.	2024
Tree Warden	Andrew Fudge	3 yr.	2023
Constables	William Cooper	3 yr.	2023
	Michael Skorput	3 yr.	2023
	Paul Faggioni	3 yr.	2023
	Karl G. Cooper	3 yr.	2023
	Elizabeth Digrigoli	3 yr.	2023

Appointed Town Officers

<u>Office</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Term / Expires</u>	
Town Administrator	Marie Ryan	3 yr.	2022
Town Accountant	Elaine Markham	3 yr.	2023
Town Council	Kopelman & Paige	1 yr.	2022
Town Treasurer	Karen Williams	3 yr.	2023
Conservation Commission	Jennifer Kurjowski	3 yr.	2022
	Kelly Clady-Giramma	3 yr.	2022
	Mary McClland	3 yr.	2022
	John Masiero	3 yr.	2023
	Kathy Korte	3 yr.	2023
	Lori Rose	3 yr.	2024
Conservation Commission			
Associate Member	Tricia Hickey	1 yr.	2022
Deputy Collector	Arthur Jones	1 yr.	2022
Official Weighers	Marc Portieri	1 yr.	2022
	Faith Libardi	1 yr.	2022
Memorial Day Committee	American Legion Post 254	1 yr.	2022
Veteran's Grave Officer	Wayne Cooper	1 yr.	2022
Veteran's Agent	Laura Hils	1 yr.	2022
Parking Clerk/Hearings Officer	Ronni Barrett	1 yr.	2022
Animal Control Officer	John Drake	1 yr.	2022
Zoning Board of Appeals	Joseph G. Roy, Jr.	5 yr.	2022
	Jack Houghton	5 yr.	2023
	James Pinkston IV	5 yr.	2024
	James Clary	5 yr.	2025
	C. Randolph Thunfors	5 yr.	2025
ZBA Alternates	Thom Lipiczky	1 yr.	2022
	Elizabeth DiGrigoli	1 yr.	2022
Building Commissioner	Brian Duval	1 yr.	2022
Zoning Enforcement Officer	Brian Duval	1 yr.	2022
Board of Registrars	Jacqueline Moffatt	3 yr.	2022
	Marge Powell	3 yr.	2023
	Ronni Barrett	3 yr.	2024
Youth Services	Parks and Recreation Comm.	1 yr.	2022
Emergency Mgt. Director	Louis Oggiani	1 yr.	2022
Consultant to Veterans Agent	Wayne Cooper	1 yr.	2022
Right to Know Officer	Steve Traver	1 yr.	2022
Chief of Police	Marc Portieri	3 yr.	2022
Fire Chief	Steve Traver	3 yr.	2024
ADA Coordinator	Brian Duval	1 yr.	2022
Field Driver	Select Board	1 yr.	2022
Fence Viewer	Select Board	1 yr.	2022

Appointed Town Officers (cont.)

<u>Office</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Term / Expires</u>	
Parks and Recreation	Joe P. Roy	1 yr.	2022
	J P Boscarino	1 yr.	2022
	Helen Nolan	1 yr.	2022
	Caitlin Graham	1 yr.	2022
	Ashley Daigle	1 yr.	2022
Animal Inspector	John Drake	1 yr.	2022
Cable TV Commission	Bill Barth	1 yr.	2022
	George Cox	1 yr.	2022
	Susan Leo	3 yr.	2022
Cultural Council	Jacqueline Moffatt	3 yr.	2022
	Margaret Skaggs	3 yr.	2022
	Miki Reuchlin	3 yr.	2022
	Marjorie Powell	3 yr.	2023
	Rebecca Sheir	3 yr.	2023
	Curtis Thierling	3 yr.	2024
	Scott Sawyer	3 yr.	2025
	Larry Morse	1 yr.	2022
	Robert Gennari	1 yr.	2022
	Finance Committee	1 yr.	2022
Investment Committee	Finance Committee	1 yr.	2022
Town Historian	Robert Salerno	1 yr.	2022
Historical Commission	Robert Salerno	1 yr.	2022
	Patricia Soldati	1 yr.	2022
	Earl Moffatt	1 yr.	2022
	Scott Sawyer	1 yr.	2022
	Marie Ryan	1 yr.	2022
Chief Procurement Officer	Robert Gennari	1 yr.	2022
Plumbing Inspector	Bob Krupski	1 yr.	2022
Asst. Plumbing Inspector	Elizabeth Digrigoli	5 yr.	2022
	Mark Webber	5 yr.	2023
	Marion Loring	5 yr.	2024
	Earl Moffatt	5 yr.	2025
	Alexander Stein	5 yr.	2026
	Marge Kilmer	5 yr.	2022
	Brian Steranka	5 yr.	2023
Sewer and Water Commission	Paula Farrell	5 yr.	2024
	Clay Hall	5 yr.	2024
	John Zick, Chair	5 yr.	2025
	Irene Norton	5 yr.	2026
	Les Losaw	5 yr.	2026
Council on Aging			

Appointed Town Officers (cont.)

<u>Office</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Term / Expires</u>	
Berkshire Reg. Planning Comm.	Dana Bixby	1 yr.	2022
Wiring Inspector	Karl G. Cooper	1 yr.	2022
Assistant Wiring Inspector	Theodore Piontek	1 yr.	2022
Assessor's Clerk	Mary Stodden	1 yr.	2022
Smoke / Fire Alarm Inspector	Steve Traver	1 yr.	2022
Agriculture Commission	Victor Stannard, Sr.	3 yr.	2022
	John Springstube	3 yr.	2023
	Marc Fadding	3 yr.	2024
	Vacancy	3 yr.	2023
	Vacancy	3 yr.	2024
Agriculture Commission			
Alternates	Peter Negrini	1 yr.	2022
	Curt Wilton	1 yr.	2022



Rose Springstube - July 2020

Lesley Albert – July 2020

Barbara Riley – July 2020

Sheila Todd – August 2020

Joyce Magner – August 2020

Susan Armata – August 2020

Ellen Tabs – September 2020

Lucy Negrini – December 2020

Brenda Eichstedt – May 2021

Kathleen Young – May 2021

Ellsworth Johnson – June 2021

Dear friends and neighbors,

As we print this year's Annual Report, we continue to navigate a global pandemic together, as COVID-19 impacts our lives for a second year. We've all made sacrifices; some of us have sustained significant losses. Still, the resilience of our town remains apparent as we work together to turn challenges into opportunities.

We'd like to, once again, recognize the tireless efforts of those who do the important work of the town, especially under such adversity. We'd also like to remind you just how many of our dedicated public servants -- those on committees and boards, and most admirably in our fire and rescue services -- are volunteers. Being surrounded by so many folks who generously give their time and energy for the good of the community is truly awe-inspiring.

Looking forward, we welcome you to help the cause, and be more involved in your town government. With a new Master Plan taking shape, along with an Open Space and Recreation Plan, your input and feedback are crucial. Please keep in touch through the town website and watch the *Local Yoke* to see how you can share your ideas and opinions. Together we can thoughtfully and carefully shape the evolution of our beloved town.

To a brighter future,

Your Select Board,

Eric Shimelonis, Chair
Roger Kavanagh
Kathleen Keresey



TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE ANNUAL REPORT

For the period July 1, 2020- June 30, 2021:

Marriages: 10

Births: 7

Deaths: 11

So far this year we've weathered the ups and downs of the pandemic. Town Offices were closed or masks were required for most of the time. Looking forward, we will have three elections: Town Election in May, State Primary Election in September, and State Election in November.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronnie Barrett

Town Clerk





Marc J. Portieri Chief of Police

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WEST STOCKBRIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

The West Stockbridge Police Department would like to first take the opportunity to personal thank all of our residence and town officials for the continuous support that you all show towards the police department. In 2021 this will be my 5th year as the Chief of Police and we have had some hurdles in our path but we have continued to march forward, keeping a well groomed department. The support is very much appreciated, the department receives numerous letters and cards stating how professional and nice our Officers have been by helping people that are in need.

In 2021 The West Stockbridge Police Department logged 7,590 calls for service, compared to 7,600 calls in 2020. We have been able to maintain our cruiser patrols through out the town to provide security and safety. Our Medical Calls have increased with the never ending Covid 19, and our Mental Health calls have continued to rise. We have continued to patrol our streets and neighborhoods, making us highly visible to the public.

The Department continues to do the required MPTC Trainings which has increased due to issues that have arrived in the world today. We are very grateful to have some of our officers that are Certified Instructors so we can train within the department. The standard MPTC yearly training use to be 40Hrs now its 80Hrs plus. The training classes consist of Legal Update, MV Law, Defensive Tactics, Dealing with Mental Health Issues, Health and Wellness, Firearms Training, CPR, First Responder, Verbal Judo, and many other classes. In November Officer Brandon Messina left West Stockbridge Police Department and took a job at Great Barrington Police Department. The open position will be filled with Officer Lukas Horn, who will be a great addition to the department. Officer Horn has a great back round of over 25 years (State / Federal) in Policing. All Officers will be trained in the use of Narcan starting in January 2022. The department received a grant that will pay for the cost of Narcan, the training cost and replacement cost if we need to use it.

This year was our 5th year supporting the "Helping Hands Program" that was started by Officer Santi Messina. The Helping Hands provides gifts and meals to 7 Families that are in need at Christmas time. It is amazing how many people and business's, come together to help out. The help and donations are greatly appreciated (Thank You). The Police Department has continued to support the Town Events, The Halloween Parade and Haunted Drive Around, The Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting. Special thanks to everyone that came out and helped. Every year these events get bigger and bigger which makes it even better

Firearms Permits (LTC / FID) will still processed by appointment only due to Covid – 19. Contact us at 232-8500 to make an appointment. Please bring a check or money order for \$100, made out to the Town of West Stockbridge "NO CASH", If you are 70 or older your license is free. If you have firearms or ammo that you don't want or need, please contact us and we can assist you. If you have any Prescription Drugs that are in need of disposal you can drop them off in the hallway next to the Police Station. Please call us or stop in to use the Food Bank, if you are unable to stop in we can bring your request to you.

Remember, please contact us if you see something that doesn't seem right, we will check it out. Let's keep an eye on the neighbor especially during the winter months. We can provide or assist with many services. If you are going on vacation, please let us know and we can put you on our house watch list, we make patrols of all the houses every shift.

I would personally like to thank everyone that supports the West Stockbridge Police Department. Special Thanks to The Selectboard, Town Administrator, Highway Dept., Fire Dept., All of my Officers, Tracy Dunn and everyone that stops in to say Hi.

WEST STOCKBRIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT MEMBERS

FULL TIME

Chief Marc J. Portieri

Sgt. Rosario Messina (FTO, Evidence Room, RX Drug Box)

Off. Michael Renton (Life Save Award)

Off. Lukas Horn (MPTC Firearms Instructor, MPTC First Aid / CPR Instructor, MPTC Alice / Patrol Instructor)

PART TIME

Off. Frank Murphy (Taser Instructor, Fitness)

Off. Santi Messina (Helping Hands)

Off. Dave Lupiani

Off. Matt Sutton

Off. Lauren Nelson

Off. Curt Wilton Jr.

Respectfully,

Marc J. Portieri
Chief of Police



Annual Town Report

Fire Department

Last year the Fire Department had 314 calls; 139 fire calls, 175 medical calls, 142 automatic mutual aid to Richmond and 12 mutual aid calls out of town. We received two state grants this year in which two new chain saws and four new gas meters and two portable scene lights were purchased at no cost to the town. The agreement with Richmond is working very well and there is about a 50-50 split on the calls. We do need more members in town if anyone is interested in joining, please contact me. I would like to thank all the members of the Fire Department for their dedication 24/7, 365 days a year. Also, I would like to thank the West Stockbridge Police Department for assisting us on all of our calls.

Yours Truly

Chief Stephen Traver



**OFFICE OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR
TOWN OF WEST STOCKBRIDGE
ANNUAL REPORT FY21
DATE: 7/01/2020 TO 6/30/2021**

ANNUAL REPORT OF BUILDING PERMITS

TOTAL NUMBER OF PERMITS ISSUED: 136

NUMBER OF RESIDENTIAL PERMITS: 134

NUMBER OF COMMERCIAL PERMITS: 2

NUMBER OF PERMITS ISSUED FOR NEW DWELLINGS: 1

TOTAL CONSTRUCTION VALUE: \$1,2746,808.00

TOTAL FEES COLLECTED: \$34,881.13

ANNUAL REPORT OF ELECTRICAL PERMITS

TOTAL NUMBER OF PERMITS ISSUED: 133

TOTAL FEES COLLECTED: \$13,680.00

ANNUAL REPORT OF PLUMBING AND GAS PERMITS

TOTAL NUMBER OF PLUMBING PERMITS ISSUED: 28

TOTAL FEES COLLECTED: \$3,420.00

TOTAL NUMBER OF GAS PERMITS ISSUED: 71

TOTAL FEES COLLECTED: \$5,100.00



Department of Public Works

ANNUAL REPORT

Greetings to all the residents and fellow tax payers of West Stockbridge;

This report is broken down to the many Departments that fall under the jurisdiction of the Department of Public Works. The following general financial breakdowns and key accomplishments are from the period beginning July 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2021.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:

Back in October 2021 the Highway Department underwent some in house personal restructuring to improve the chain of command and to streamline efficiency and increase productivity. After serving as Highway Foreman since February 2019, Jamie Boyer has been promoted to Highway Superintendent as of October 6, 2021. Jamie's leadership skills and complete knowledge of the Highway Department's responsibilities has made him an outstanding choice to fulfill the duties required to be fiscal responsible and loyal to Public Service. I congratulate and support Jamie as he enters his next chapter.

General Highway Maintenance Expenses:

Line Stripping	\$16,271.21
Catch-Basin Cleaning	\$ 6,080.00
Asphalt Patching	\$ 9,499.00
Asphalt Management (rescan)	\$ 2,750.00
Street Signs	\$ 5,360.00
Gravel Road Aggregates	\$18,740.55

Due to the record setting rainfall in the months of July and August the crew spent most of the summer/fall performing maintenance and gravel road repairs. There were no real projects or drainage improvements. Roadside mowing seemed to never end and before long the leaves started to fall and we readied for the winter season.

Resurfacing of East Alford and Cobb Road \$362,824.97

(Town Borrowing \$190,000.00/State Aid Chapter 90 Funded \$172,824.97)

L.B. Corp (Asphalt Paving and Tack Coat materials)	\$348,217.87
Peckham Industries (Aggregates/Shoulder materials)	\$ 6,288.09
Police Details (Traffic Control)	\$ 5,632.95
K-5 Corp. (Line Stripping)	\$ 2,686.06

Current Public Works Employee hourly Wages ending June 30,2022

Curt Wilton	(Public Works Director)	\$78,613.00 annual salary
Jamie Boyer	(Highway Superintendent)	\$29.10/hr.
John Lyford	(Highway Division)	\$26.00/hr.
Zachary Levesque	(Highway Division)	\$26.00/hr.
Frank Alfonso	(Facilities/Grounds Superintendent)	\$24.50/hr.
Wayne Cooper	(Compactor Attendent)	\$15.30/hr.

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT:

The 3-Town Cemeteries are over seen by the 3-elected Commissioners of Marion Loring, Mary Kinmond and Earl Moffatt. I personally would like to thank these individuals for all their hard work, time and commitment they put into working with me on maintaining and repairing our Town treasures. By working together, we have made strides in preserving and maintaining the final resting spots for our family and loved ones.

Our weekly mowing and trimming cannot go unnoticed, so once again I would like to thank our Contractor Filiault Lawn Care. Bob and his crew take special care and have pride in their craftsmanship that really shows their professionalism. Richie Atwood and his crew at A&A Memorials Services have proven once again why they are the best when it comes to Cemetery Services. Repairing Stones/Monument and record keeping to name a few. Thanks Richie. Our Tree Removal Program continued again last season. Travis Roger of Brush Hill Tree Service has been on pace at removing over 16 large problematic pine trees in the Rock Dale Cemetery. Thanks to Travis and his crew.

General Expenses for Cemetery Services:

Mowing and Trimming (all 3-Cemeteries)	\$15,200.00
Tree Removals (Rock Dale)	\$12,000.00

Parks and Recreation:

The Parks and Recreation Commission is made up of 5 of the hardest working and extremely energetic individuals of Joe Roy, Caitlin Graham, Helen Nolan, John Boscarino and Ashley Daigle. While working through the Pandemic these folks have brought back many of the Communities favorite Events. Starting in July the Card Pond party was a success and very well attended. Halloween was soon to follow with Trick or Treat and a spooky and creative Drive Thru event at the Town Hall. The W.S Sparkles event was next which brought the arrival of Santa Clause who caught the eye of all in attendance as he magically light up the Christmas tree. I want to personally Thank these Fab. 5 for all that they have accomplished.

A couple items need mentioning from this past fiscal year. A new sign was purchased and installed at Card Pond; a new Life Guard chair was built by local

craftsman Tom Lipiczky (Thank You Tom). In an attempt to rid the beach from the Geese population issue (goose droppings are full of disease and are considered a public health risk) advice was sought from professionals and lights were installed in their nesting area in hopes to persuade them from breeding in the area and taking up residents. New benches, picnic tables and doggie poop bags were also added.

The Parks and Recreation are going to be seeking funding for the repairing and maintenance of the Town's tennis Court this season) est. cost \$9,850.00).

General Expenses for the Parks and Recreation:

Away with Geese	\$ 2,613.00
Larkin Sign LTD	\$ 1,130.00
Tom Lipiczky (life guard chair)	\$ 725.00
Dresser-Hull	\$ 182.40
White Wolf (porta-potty, 2-units/beach and Town Hall Grounds)	\$ 1,188.83

HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL/COMPACTOR OPERATIONS:

First, I would like to start off by THANKING Wayne Cooper, our Compactor Attendant. Wayne has semi-retired as our Town Custodian and has focused all his time on attending the Town Compactor. Wayne's unique character and attention to detail as items are brought into the facility should not go unnoticed. Wayne's collection of fees from bulky waste items has produced on average close to \$5,000.00 per year.

There were a few upgrades to the facility this past season. The roof over the trash compactor container was completed, new outdoor LED lighting was installed around the disposal areas of all 3-containers and the swap shop had new under ground power installed to supply power and lighting for much better operations.

General Expenses for Hazardous Waste/Compactor Operations:

Yankee Restrooms	\$ 760.00
Interstate Refrigeration Recovery	\$ 592.00
Girdler Electric	\$ 3,650.00
Valley "Roll-off" Services	\$38,537.11
Lenox Valley (TV & Monitor disposal)	\$ 210.00
Waste Management Recycling Fee's	\$ 6,576.62
Waste Management Recycling Rebates	+(\$ 1,909.09)
FBS Tire Recycling	\$ 871.50
Lenox Valley (tire disposal)	\$ 585.00

TOWN FACILITIES AND GROUNDS:

Again, I would like to THANK Wayne Cooper for the 4-years he has given the

Town in all his duties as Buildings Custodian. Good Luck Wayne in your semi-retirement. At this time, I would also like to congratulate and welcome Frank Alfonso who will be in charge of all Town Buildings and Grounds, a position that has been vacant since March 2017. As a multi talented and experienced individual, Frank will be a much needed addition the DPW work force.

General Expenses for Facilities and Grounds:

Brush-Hill Tree Service (pruning and trimming)	\$ 1,000.00
Fastenal (supplies)	\$ 1,266.89
Meadow Farm (supplies/mulch)	\$ 1,429.98
Don Davis Heating (boiler repairs)	\$ 5,125.40
Girdler Electric (electrical repairs/upgrades)	\$ 1,459.00
Mass. Fire Tech. services (Fire extinguishers)	\$ 203.20
Sentry Uniforms (flags)	\$ 252.00
Matty B's Plumbing (repairs)	\$ 523.56
B.B.E. Office (supplies)	\$ 751.00
Madsen Overhead Door (repairs)	\$ 3,774.85
Cintas (supplies)	\$ 1,594.52
Prime Mechanical (Roof top Units)	\$ 3,445.00
C.T.C. (building controls)	\$ 5,883.00
Lee Audio n Security (building alarms/smokes test)	\$ 470.25

This concludes the Report of the Department of Public Works. I would like to thank all the Departments and their employee's who have worked and contributed through out the year. Public Works is a tiresome and sometimes forgotten career choice but at the end of the day the real reward comes from all the positive feed back from all the people who really get it and appreciate all of our efforts. As employee's we want to let all of you know, it is a real pleasure working for you.

Respectfully Submitted,
Curt G. Wilton

Operating only

BERKSHIRE HILLS REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Operating Budget

FY 23 Budget

Approved 2/17/2022

	<u>SC Adopted</u> <u>2021-2022</u>	<u>Proposed</u> <u>2022-2023</u>	<u>Difference</u> <u>Amount</u>	<u>%</u>
Gross Operating Budget	30,284,460	31,695,977	1,411,517	4.66%
Less:				
School Choice Tuition Income	(1,275,000)	(1,300,000)		
Regular Tuition Income	(705,000)	(725,000)		
Net Operating Budget	28,304,460	29,670,977	1,366,517	4.83%
Less:				
Chapter 70 Aid	(2,961,948)	(2,989,518)		
Chapter 71 Transportation Aid	(800,000)	(800,000)		
Medicaid Reimbursement	(75,000)	(75,000)		
Transfer from E & D	(352,000)	(617,000)		
Interest Income	(10,000)	(10,000)		
Miscellaneous Income	(32,000)	(32,000)		
	(4,230,948)	(4,523,518)	(292,570)	6.91%
Net Assessments to Member Towns	24,073,512	25,147,459	1,073,947	4.46%

<u>Allocation of Assessments by Town</u>	<u>SC Adopted</u> <u>2021-2022</u>	<u>Proposed</u> <u>2022-2023</u>	<u>Change</u>	
Great Barrington	17,928,812	18,462,204	533,392	2.98%
Stockbridge	3,072,350	3,501,086	428,736	13.95%
West Stockbridge	3,072,350	3,184,170	111,820	3.64%
Total	24,073,512	25,147,459	1,073,947	4.46%

Calculation of 2021-22 Assessments				
	<u>Allocation</u> <u>Percent</u>	<u>MLC</u>	<u>Amount</u> <u>Above MLC</u>	<u>Total</u>
Great Barrington	73.4884%	7,696,400	10,765,804	18,462,204
Stockbridge	13.7209%	1,491,020	2,010,066	3,501,086
West Stockbridge	12.7907%	1,310,375	1,873,795	3,184,170
Total	100.0000%	10,497,795	14,649,664	25,147,459

MLC numbers from DOE web page on 01/26/2022

Capital

BERKSHIRE HILLS REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
CAPITAL BUDGET
FY 23 Budget

Approved 2/17/2022

	<u>SC Adopted</u> <u>2021-2022</u>	<u>Proposed</u> <u>2022-2023</u>	<u>Difference</u> <u>Amount</u>	
Gross Capital Budget	1,796,250	1,780,125	(16,125)	-0.9%
ST Borrowing	80,000	0		
Capital Repairs/Purchases	0	195,000		
Extraordinary Maint. - HS	80,000	116,000		
Stabilization Fund	0	0		
	1,956,250	2,091,125	134,875	6.89%
Less:				
Applicable Bond Premium				
MSBA Reimbursement	(1,120,934)	(1,120,934)		
E&D - Stabilization Fund & Capital	(160,000)	(311,000)		
Net Assessments to Member Towns				
	675,316	659,191	(16,125)	-2.39%

<u>Allocation of Assessments by Town</u>	<u>SC Adopted</u> <u>2021-2022</u>	<u>Preliminary</u> <u>2022-2023</u>	<u>Change</u>	
Great Barrington	503,586	484,429	(19,157)	-3.8%
Stockbridge	85,865	90,447	4,582	5.34%
West Stockbridge	85,865	84,315	(1,550)	-1.8%
Total	675,316	659,191	(16,125)	

Calculation of 2021-22 Assessments

	<u>Allocation</u> <u>Percent</u>	<u>Capital</u> <u>Assessment</u>	<u>Total</u>
Great Barrington	73.4884%	484,429	484,429
Stockbridge	13.7209%	90,447	90,447
West Stockbridge	12.7907%	84,315	84,315
Total	100.0000%	659,191	659,191

2021 Annual Report
The Community Health Association of Richmond and West Stockbridge

My main public health nursing role in 2021 has been responding to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic as a case investigator and contact tracer for Richmond and West Stockbridge. I continue to work closely with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and local boards of health in providing up-to-date guidance and safety education for our residents.

The Community Health Association of Richmond and West Stockbridge (CHARWS) continued to offer weekly blood pressure screenings, office visits, and home visits. I completed 217 office and clinic evaluations along with 81 home visits in 2021. I provided all of the communicable and infectious disease surveillance follow-up as required by the Department of Public Health. The in-person programs were put on hold this year due to the pandemic.

January started off with the pandemic raging throughout Berkshire County and vaccinating residents was the main priority. From January to June, I participated as a vaccinator at the Berkshire Community College COVID-19 vaccination site run by the Berkshire Vaccine Collaborative. Cases were dropping as summer approached. However, the Delta variant was then identified and cases increased. To help increase vaccination rates, the Richmond Board of Health, CHARWS, and the Berkshire Vaccine Collaborative sponsored COVID-19 vaccination clinics at Bartlett's Orchard in Richmond in July and August.

Flu vaccination clinics started in late September. Between home visits, school clinics and public-based clinics, we administered 394 vaccinations.

In November, COVID-19 vaccinations were approved for those between the ages of 5-11 years. The Berkshire Vaccine Collaborative and CHARWS held two clinics at the Richmond School. I was also a vaccinator at many of the Berkshire County elementary school clinics. By the end of December, 53% of the 5-11 year old population in Richmond received at least one dose. In West Stockbridge, 70% of the 5-11 year old population received at least one dose.

Due to the increase in demand for COVID-19 vaccinations as the highly transmissible Omicron variant was identified, the Berkshire Vaccine Collaborative held a clinic at Berkshire County Community College on December 18 where I was a vaccinator. There were 1031 vaccinations administered.

From January through December there were 59 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Richmond and 57 confirmed cases in West Stockbridge. The total number of COVID-19 cases since the beginning of the pandemic are 81 for Richmond and 80 for West Stockbridge. Cases are quickly climbing in Massachusetts as we enter 2022.

Contributions received in 2021 totaled \$29,938.00. Thank you very much to everyone who contributed.

Respectfully submitted,

Emilie Jarrett, RN BSN
Director, The Community Health Association of Richmond and West Stockbridge

West Stockbridge Public Library
Fiscal Year 2021 Annual Report
Submitted January 2022

Borrowing and lending between libraries all over the state resumed just prior to July 2020. This allowed our users to choose items from libraries besides our own so West Stockbridge Library borrowers took home many more books, dvds, museum passes, and other items during fy2021 even though most people opted to pick up their loans from the vestibule area rather than coming inside for browsing. At the same time, the use of eBooks and streaming audio increased almost five-fold compared to fy2020, and even fy2019. Our staff of three all have Masters degrees in library sciences so we are able to provide a professional standard of expertise when we assist library users in finding information of all kinds.

The incomparable Miss Vicky continued to wow Facebook audiences with her virtual story times well into fy2021.

Library programs were held online or outdoors, including a sidewalk chalk party celebrating the transition to the school year in August 2020, and a Story Walk around the village featuring the Halloween story "The Little old lady who was not afraid of anything" during the week of October 24 to 31.

The library collaborated with the West Stockbridge Historical Society for two very popular online bird programs – Winter Wings on February 5, 2021 and Symphonies of Spring on April 23, featuring Zach Adams from Mass Audubon, with support from the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

We also co-sponsored three zoom programs with our friends at the Becket Athenaeum: Race Amity with William H. "Smitty" Smith, Ed.D. on March 6; Blues and Poetry of the Harlem Renaissance with Robin O'Herin on April 16 and 30; and NASA ambassador Benadette Manning June 24.

The year finished with a summer Story Walk featuring Jabari Jumps from June 20-27 2021, set up on the grounds around the library and the playground.

We thank the Friends of the Library (or FOL) for funding our popular museum pass program, which makes it possible for borrowers to visit museums, historic houses, and outdoor venues for free or discounted admission.

Our subscription to the Berkshire Eagle is also funded by the FOL.

All of us on the library staff extend our sincere thanks to those who serve on the library board, as well as other town boards and departments that help us provide great service to the public,

Respectfully submitted,
Rachel Alter, MEd, MLS
Director

Library Staff fy2021:
Vicky Cooper, MLS
Brad Havill, MLIS

Library Trustees fy2021:
Beth Sack
Andy Potter
Gail Garrick

FY 2021 BY THE NUMBERS

	2019	2020	2021
TOTAL LIBRARY HOLDINGS, (books, dvds, audiobooks, magazines, passes)	10,023	10,092	10,391
CIRCULATION (print books, dvds, audiobooks, magazines, museum passes)	7,956	6,844	8,610
LOANS RECEIVED FROM OTHER LIBRARIES	2,136	1,821	3,580
LOANS DELIVERED TO OTHER LIBRARIES	1,320	966	1,377
TOTAL EBOOK /AUDIOBOOK DOWNLOADS TO PATRON DEVICES	1,041	1,385	5,020
WEST STOCKBRIDGE RESIDENT CARDHOLDERS	824	828	960
ESTIMATED VALUE OF MATERIALS CIRCULATED (how much library users would spend if they had to buy one copy of the book or other items checked out)	177,235	156,221	157,560

Annual Report of the Board of Health for the year 2021

January 2022

After elections in the Spring, the Board re-organized with Earl Moffatt, Kathy Korte, and Dr. David Finck as members.

During this second year of the COVID 19 pandemic, the Board and Agent were tasked with keeping abreast of daily changing conditions regarding public health. A continuing surge of requests for real estate sale related services were received. The Agent performed Title 5 and percolation test witnessing at a higher rate than any previous year. Again, this year, nearly 75% of the systems inspected failed with most installed in the 1980's or earlier. Residents with on-site sewage systems are reminded to have their septic tanks pumped out every 2-3 years, regardless of age. Also, voluntary inspections are recommended for older systems to reveal their condition and present the opportunity to take corrective action before costly replacement becomes necessary.

Water quality tests were performed weekly during the open season at Card Pond and Crane Lake with no results exceeding acceptable levels this year.

Activity at the Transfer Station was consistent with previous years with a nearly 27% recycling rate although volume was up from the larger number of residents in Town. Upgrades and improvements to the facility were completed with the installation of a new compactor unit for bottles and cans, roof work and fencing repairs. Further work, including paving, will continue throughout this year. Due to a soft market demand for material, revenue from recycling was down due to fees incurred for disposal. However, as of August, the Town again is receiving rebates for some recyclables. We wish to thank Wayne Cooper, our attendant, for a job well done overseeing all the activity at the Station and Swap Shop.

The Board welcomed the election of Kathy Korte, a retired nurse, as its newest member. She brings with her a wealth of knowledge and experience in the healthcare field. She is a valuable asset to the team. Thank you, Kathy, for volunteering your time!

The Board and Agent also wish to thank Curt Wilton and the DPW, the officials at Town Hall, and all the residents who help to make our responsibility of making West Stockbridge a healthy place to live possible. We are still optimistic that the pandemic is waning and there is possibility of a return to social activity as we knew it. Good health to all!

Respectfully Submitted,

Earl B. Moffatt, *Agent for the Board of Health*

West Stockbridge Historical Society — Town Report

While the pandemic this past year threw a wrench into our plans to continue restoration of the Old Town Hall, we were still able to make some important progress. We were all set to move ahead on construction with grants made possible from the Mass Cultural Council/Cultural Facilities Fund and the 1772 Foundation (which we were awarded in 2020). The funds were earmarked to replace the more than 100-year-old roof, repair the back doors, and restore some of the deteriorating windows. Then Covid hit. Despite contractor staffing problems and supply chain issues, work finally began in December to install the new roof. After all the setbacks and delays, it took just four days! The old roof was in such bad shape, it came off with a broom and a bucket. We now have a new roof that should last another 107 years. We also replaced the two rear doors with new external doors, complete with code compliant emergency exit hardware, and work is progressing on replacing and repairing the remaining doors and all the windows.

We cleaned up and enhanced the outdoor area behind the Old Town Hall, adding hydrangea plantings to the inviting picnic area and raised beds installed by our resourceful highway department. The new "Overlook" offers a beautiful panoramic view of the town. Though Covid made planning programming and events a real challenge, we were able to successfully mount three sold-out benefit concerts by the beloved West Stockbridge Chamber Players, including one that premiered a piece by Select Board Chair Eric Shimelonis. The winter concert was performed at the Congregational Church, a long-time partner of the Historical Society. The next three concerts in our acclaimed Jazz Series drew wide audiences, with special thanks to The Foundry which co-hosted two of the events. We offered a walk and talk through the town's Catholic cemetery, and continued our popular on-line Berkshire nature series, featuring our partners at Audubon.



New roof being installed on the Old Town Hall (Photo: Liza Bennett)



West Stockbridge Chamber Players benefit concert (Photo: Bob Salerno)

Jazz concert scene at The Foundry



Photo: Jeff Nestel-Patt)

COUNCIL ON AGING

The Combined Richmond and West Stockbridge Councils on Aging provides diverse services to the senior population of both towns. Among these is transportation, which provides rides to and from medical appointments, social engagements, shopping expeditions and others. This important aspect of the Council's commitment to the health and well-being of our seniors is made possible only with the dedication of its volunteer drivers and Deb St. John, the West Stockbridge van driver. The Councils are grateful to them for maintaining our ability to offer this valuable service.

The Council owes a debt of gratitude to them and to Peter Beckwith, the Highway Superintendent, whose invaluable assistance helps to assure the successful, smooth running of the Annual COA picnic.

The bi-monthly newsletter, ***Just Older Youth***, published by the COA Director, Phyllis LeBeau, and made possible with funding from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs, provides an ongoing source of important information on topics of particular interest to seniors, as well as announcements of upcoming special events hosted by the COA. During this unusual time of Pandemic, the newsletter has been dedicated to providing information on staying safe, staying healthy and updates on official notices from the Governor's office.

The following changes to the normal operation of the COA were in response to the restrictions imposed by the COVID-19 Pandemic.

In 2021, with the Pandemic still in effect, the Combined Richmond – West Stockbridge COA was able to hold only two events: The Annual August Picnic and a Winter Holiday Dinner in December at Pleasant and Main restaurant in Housatonic.

The COA was able to bring back exercise classes as the intensity of the Pandemic waned somewhat.

Special Friends of the Third Grade Program. The COA and the Richmond Consolidated School match seniors with a third grader to encourage interaction between the two age groups. The group meets monthly at the school for a planned activity and lunch, designed to broaden mutual understanding.

Mr. Peter Cohen stepped down as Chair and resigned from the Committee. We thank him for his excellent work for the COA for many years and will miss him. The members of the Council on Aging Committee are:

Mr. John Zick, Chair (West Stockbridge)
Ms. Betsy Bemis
Ms. Patricia Malnati
Ms. Linda Mitchell
Ms. Joanna Stengel

Respectfully Submitted

Phyllis LeBeau, Director

FISCAL YEAR 2022 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Board of Assessors, along with our assessing staff provided under contract by Regional Resource Group, continues to assure the fair taxation of all West Stockbridge properties.

During the past year, we continued to reorganize and update assessment records. Our GIS/Public Access System is online and offers access to town maps, property record cards and sales information. Other efforts included inspecting property after building permits are processed, auditing property files for accuracy and completeness and updating map changes.

Our Board strives to build and maintain good public relations. We provide our residents with:

- Abutters lists required for any property additions or alterations;
- Mailings to those eligible for special tax classifications and exemptions;
- Assistance in completing forms for residents who are eligible for exemptions;
- Current property ownership information by processing registered deeds, name and address changes and other related information.
- Motor Vehicle Excise Abatements;
- Information on a host of tax and property assessment issues.

As the town's principal revenue generator, the Assessors continue to review properties subject to taxation. We plan to enhance tax revenues by:

- Identifying second homeowners and businesses whose personal property are subject to taxes;
- Making sure that new construction is monitored and assessed, and that property given a certificate of occupancy is correctly assessed and taxed accordingly;

Other office activities included:

- Processing parcel divisions and other map changes;
- Processing and reviewing all abatement requests;
- Processing personal property forms, chapter land applications, exemption applications;
- Preparing various Department of Revenue Reports.

Our office hours are Tuesdays 1:00-5:00pm and Thursdays 9:00am-1:00pm. The Board of Assessors meet on the first Tuesday of the month from 5:30-7:00pm. Residents can contact us by phone at 413 232- 0300, ext. 303 or by email assessor@weststockbridge-ma.gov. Property information can be accessed on the town website: www.weststockbridge-ma.gov.

Collector's Annual Report FY2021

Although it has been another year of limited outreach and personal interaction, we've pretty much all managed to stay on the same page. Taxpayer support has been overwhelming and once again revenue levels remain high. Hopefully 2022 will see us return to the best aspects of pre-Covid functioning nicely meshed with the forced efficiencies of Covid restrictions.

Collection statistics speak for themselves.

Type	Committed total	% rec'd by 6/30/21	% rec'd by 12/31/21
RE	\$5,169,717.54	98.3%	99.5%
PP	\$ 171,371.15	99.2%	99.4%
MOV	\$ 226,905.53 (6/30)	82.8%	
MOV	\$ 252,576.88 (12/31)		94.1%

The biggest change in office functioning was discontinuation of individual town department post office boxes. To ensure timely receipt, all mail should now be sent to town hall addressed as follows:

Town of West Stockbridge

Attn: (INSERT PROPER DEPARTMENT, i.e. Collector, Clerk, BOH...)

21 State Line Road

West Stockbridge, MA 01266

Taxpayers who make payments through their own personal on-line payment service should update the remittance address with those services for payments directed to the town. Payment is not considered made until it is received. Postmarks on payments forced to take a 'world tour' for being improperly addressed are considered LATE if they arrive after the due date and will accrue interest.

Thank you all for your cooperation and consideration throughout the year. A special thanks to Bill, Ethan, and Jocelyn who assisted with preparing mailings. Stay safe and be well.

June Biggs

Collector

412-232-0300 x 302

collector@weststockbridge-ma.gov

To the Selectboard and Residents of the Town of West Stockbridge:

The following is the Town Accountant's report for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021.

Reports provided are:

- Balance Sheet (All Funds)
- Revenues
- Expenses
- Special Revenue Funds
- Trust Funds
- Outstanding Debt
- Capital Projects
- Agency Funds

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Markham
Town Accountant



Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups
as of June 30, 2021

	Governmental Fund Types		Proprietary Fund Types		Fiduciary Fund Types	Account Groups	Totals
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Enterprise	Trust and Agency	Long-term Debt	(Memorandum Only)
ASSETS							
Cash and cash equivalents	806,907.12	195,845.92	0.00	269,704.52	755,898.60		2,028,356.16
Investments							0.00
Receivables:							
Personal property taxes	4,010.53						4,010.53
Real estate taxes	87,220.75	1,764.44					88,985.19
Allowance for abatements and exemptions	(35,954.75)						(35,954.75)
Tax liens	109,292.84						109,292.84
Deferred taxes							0.00
Motor vehicle excise	55,264.52						55,264.52
Other excises							0.00
User fees				107,529.73			107,529.73
Utility liens added to taxes				1,660.97			1,660.97
Departmental							0.00
Special assessments							0.00
Due from other governments							0.00
Other receivables							0.00
Foreclosures/Possessions	20,694.40						20,694.40
Prepays							0.00
Due to/from other funds							0.00
Working deposit							0.00
Inventory							0.00
Fixed assets, net of accumulated depreciation						1,741,262.00	1,741,262.00
Amounts to be provided - payment of bonds							0.00
Amounts to be provided - vacation/sick leave							0.00
Total Assets	1,047,435.41	197,610.36	0.00	378,895.22	755,898.60	1,741,262.00	4,121,101.59
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY							
Liabilities:							
Warrants payable							0.00
Accounts payable							0.00
Accrued payroll							0.00
Withholdings							0.00
Accrued claims payable							0.00

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TOWN OF WEST STOCKBRIDGE

REVENUES

Year ending June 30, 2021

General Taxes

Personal Property	\$173,992
Real Estate	\$5,238,573
Tax Title	\$11,740
Tax Foreclosure	\$0
Motor Vehicle Excise	\$231,434
Interest/penalties on Taxes and Excise	\$36,762
Hotel/Motel Tax	\$38,653
Meals Tax	\$15,066
Other Taxes	\$4,620

Sub-total General Taxes	\$5,750,839
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Permits/Charges for Services

Selectmens Fees	\$295
Planning Board	\$650
Board of Appeals	\$0
Transfer Station Fees	\$4,858
Alcoholic Licenses	\$2,375
Building Permits	\$31,314
Trench Permits	\$0
Burial Permits	\$0
Firearm Permit-Town Share	\$775
Board of Health Permits	\$5,175

Sub-total Permits/Charges for Services	\$45,441
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Other Departmental Receipts

Assessors	\$0
Police Admin. Fees	\$22,027
Town Clerk	\$2,457
Inspectors Admin fees	\$2,555
Charter Communications Rent	\$36,702
Parking Charges	\$93
Other Misc. Department revenue	\$0

Sub-total Other Dept. Receipts	\$63,834
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Revenues from State (Cherry Sheet)

State Owned Land	\$84,227
G/Fund Unrestricted Aid	\$103,248
Abate-Vets,Blind,Surv Spouse	\$3,514

Sub-total State Revenues	\$190,989
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REVENUES

Year ending June 30, 2021

Revenue from Other Governments

District Court Fines	\$2,209
Veterans' Reimbursement Benefits	\$9,200

Sub-total Other Government Revenue	\$11,409
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Miscellaneous Revenue

Earnings on Investments	\$620
Other Miscellaneous	\$5,840
Cannabis-HCA	\$2,622

Sub-total Miscellaneous Revenue	\$9,083
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Total General Fund Revenues	\$6,071,595
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Water Revenue Funds

Water User Charges	\$104,343
Water Connections	\$0
Water Interest/penalties	(\$406)
Investment Earnings	\$123
Misc. Water Revenue	\$43

Total Water Fund Revenues	\$104,102
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Sewer Revenue Funds

Sewer User Charges	100,077
Sewer Connections	1,200
Sewer Interest/penalties	\$1,216
Investment Earnings	\$132
Misc. Sewer Revenue	\$0

Total Sewer Fund Revenues	\$102,625
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Total Revenues	\$6,278,322
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TOWN OF WEST STOCKBRIDGE

Year ending June 30, 2021

General Government	
Town Counsel	47,082
Moderator	0
Administrative Assistant	
Salary	75,000
Expense	3,100
Select Board	
Salaries	6,200
Expense	5,559
Finance Committee	135
Town Accountant	
Salary	18,500
Expense	5,618
Audit Services	14,000
Assessors	
Salaries	4,500
Expense	50,993
Treasurer	
Salary	21,000
Expense	7,976
Tax Collector	
Salary	19,500
Expense	10,496
Cable TV	0
Town Clerk	
Salary	15,000
Expense	1,696
Election & Registrations	9,264
Preservation of Records	0
Street Lists	0
Conservation Commission	1,243
Planning Board	1,767
Board of Appeals	555
Town Insurance	80,829
Officers Bonds	1,075
Town Reports	3,708
Town Website maintenance	3,924
Computer/It services	12,957
Town Buildings	
Salary	10,087
Expense	122,149
<u>Total General Government</u>	<u>553,913</u>
Public Safety	
Police	
Salaries	318,137
Expense	49,803
Fire/EMT	44,466
Richmond Ambulance	3,500
EMT Incentive	108
Fire Responder Incentive	6,660
Communications Services-dispatch	12,706
Building Inspector	
Salary	9,800
Expense	1,361
Emergency Management	500
Animal Control Officer	
Salary	4,167
Expense	0
Tree Warden	19,350
<u>Total Public Safety</u>	<u>470,556</u>

Education

Berkshire Hills Regional School District	
Assessment	3,170,825
Capital expense	90,796
<u>Total Education</u>	<u>3,261,621</u>

Public Works

Highway Department	
Salaries	272,938
Expenses	4,542
Bridges/Highways	153,326
Snow/Ice Removal	99,760
Street Lights	10,314
Hazardous Waste Disposal	2,918
Transfer Station	
Salary	21,855
Expenses	86,473
Cemetery Department	41,027
Mill Pond Weed Removal	3,260
Group Purchasing	800
<u>Total Public Works</u>	<u>697,215</u>

Human Services

Board of Health	
Salaries	12,870
Expenses	1,331
Community Health	26,050
Council on Aging	7,064
Veterans Benefits	14,228
Veteran's District Assessment	5,682
Memorial Day/American Legion	2,000
<u>Total Public Health</u>	<u>69,226</u>

Culture and Recreation

Library	
Salary	39,365
Expenses	9,847
Vision Committee	0
Parks & Recreation	
Salary	0
Expenses	14,870
Historical Commission	0
<u>Total Culture & Recreation</u>	<u>64,082</u>

Debt Service	
Town Offices-principal	145,000
Town Offices-interest	5,700
Sewer Expansion Loan-principal	23,362
Sewer Expansion Loan-interest	14,455
Dept Equip Loan-principal	124,850
Dept Equip Loan-interest	9,706
Parking Lot Loan-principal	28,000
Parking Lot Loan-interest	1,422
Other admin/interest	1,300
Total Debt Service	353,795
Miscellaneous Expenses	
Comm of Ma- Assessments	2,225
Retirement Assessment	136,270
Employee Insurance	
Health/dental Insurance	134,823
Med/Fica(Town Portion)	18,412
Unemploment Insurance	399
Trsfr to Conservation Trust	300
Tax Refunds	
Pers Property	445
Real Estate	32,248
Motor Vehicle	4,707
Other	1,404
Town Meeting Articles	
Trsfr to Stabilization	0
Boiler @ Hwy/Fire Dept building	0
Police Vehicle	58,494
Voting Machine	5,350
Computer Server	18,500
Roof @ Wastewater Treat. Plant	0
Cemetery Stone/Monument repair	0
Roads: Supplement to Ch90	0
Playground Equip	24,046
Highway/Fire Building Repairs	44,368
Land for Restrooms,etc	0
Transfer Station repairs	10,560
Security Cameras	1,906
Fire Dept Equipment	3,136
Hazard Mitigation Plan	6,231
Highway Paver-50% share	6,000
Paving Repair	0
Planting/Screening-Turnpike	0
Roof Repairs @ Transfer Station	12,600
Total Miscellaneous	522,424
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	5,992,832
Water Department	
Salaries	33,483
Expenses	27,052
TOTAL WATER FUND	60,535

Year ending June 30, 2021

Sewer Department	
Salaries	46,990
Expenses	<u>76,807</u>
Sewer Special Articles:	
UV Light System @ Wastewater Plant	0
Tank Painting	15,000
RBC Update/Repairs	0
Gear box repairs	0
Rooftop Air Unit Motor	0
Wastewater Plant -Roof repairs/paint	0
<u>TOTAL SEWER FUND</u>	<u>138,798</u>

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
Year Ending June 30, 2021

State Grants	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Expenditures	Transfers	Ending Balance
Covid-19 Grant	\$7,478	\$10,559	(\$41,313)		(\$23,276)
Shared Streets Grant	\$0	\$142,836	(\$135,107)		\$7,729
Highway-Ch90	0	154,765	(155,353)	588	0
Emergency Mgmt	0	2,700	(3,271)	571	0
Fema Disaster Grant	0				0
Elections	0	752	(404)	(349)	0
Library	8,038	2,813	(1,288)		9,563
Arts Lottery	5,438	4,803	(4,300)		5,941
Elder Affairs Grant	5,061		(1,455)		3,606
Public Access	6,354				6,354
EOAF Grant-Zoning Consultant	10,000				10,000
EOAF Grant-Master Plan	40,000		(15,032)		24,968
Totals	82,369	319,228	(357,523)	810	60,431

Police & Fire Grants	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Expenditures	Transfers	Ending Balance
Fire Safety Grant	0		(7,853)		(7,853)
Firearm Permits-State share	375	2,350	(2,113)		613
Totals	375	2,350	(2,113)	0	613

Other Special Funds	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Expenditures	Transfers/ Adj	Ending Balance
Sale of Cemetery Lots	5,775	0	0		5,775
Youth Services Fund	5,264		(5,264)		0
Cable(PEG) operations	0	14,778			14,778
Wetland Protection	11,561	575			12,136
Parks & Recreation Gifts	8,916		(8,916)		(0)
Council on Aging Gifts	962	100			1,062
Council on Aging Travel	5,977	826			6,803
West Stock Library	0	251		13,151	13,402
Insurance Recovery	0				0
Wise Acre Farms Inc(HCA)	2,000				2,000
Zucchini Festival	12,043		(20)		12,023
Total Other Special Revenue Funds	52,498	16,530	(14,200)	13,151	67,978

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
Year Ending June 30, 2021

OTHER REVOLVING FUNDS	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Expenditures	Trsfrs/Adj	Ending Balance
Title "V" Inspector	\$0	\$6,730	(\$5,960)		\$770
Electrical Inspector	\$495	\$11,165	(\$6,600)		\$5,060
Gas/Propane Inspector	\$220	\$4,400	(\$3,575)		\$1,045
Oil Burner Inspector	\$40	\$1,828	(\$1,788)		\$80
Plumbing Inspector	\$660	\$3,345	(\$2,915)		\$1,090
Smoke & Emergency Alarm Inspector	\$50	\$2,000	(\$1,960)		\$90
Collector :MLC/Demand fees	\$0	\$7,635	\$0	(\$1,360)	\$6,275
Deputy Collector	\$0	\$3,995	(\$3,670)		\$325
Total Other Revolving Funds	\$1,465	\$41,098	(\$26,468)		\$13,965

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Expenditures	Trsfrs	Ending Balance
Open Space Reserved	\$0	\$8,176			\$8,176
Historic Resources Reserved	\$0	\$8,176			\$8,176
Community Housing Reserved	\$0	\$8,176			\$8,176
CPA- Undesignated	\$0	\$50,961			\$50,961
					\$0
Total Community Preservation Funds	\$0	\$75,489	\$0	\$0	\$75,489

TOWN OF WEST STOCKBRIDGE

AGENCY FUNDS Year ending June 30, 2021

Descriptions	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Payments	Ending Balance
Federal Withholding	\$0	\$157,171	(\$157,171)	\$0
Med/Fica Withholding	\$0	\$18,412	(\$18,412)	\$0
State Withholding	\$0	\$59,576	(\$59,576)	\$0
Retirement Withholding	\$1,161	\$67,444	(\$68,605)	\$0
Deferred Comp Withholding	\$938	\$54,841	(\$55,779)	\$0
Group Health/Dental Ins.	\$23,495	\$49,908	(\$43,393)	\$30,010
Life Insurance withholding	\$22	\$220	(\$225)	\$18
Aflac Withholding	\$1,131	\$8,091	(\$8,181)	\$1,041
Other Withholding(Provident)	\$79	\$709	(\$723)	\$66
Court Ordered deductions	\$0	\$17,085	(\$17,085)	\$0
Truck Stop Solar (decommissioning Bond)	\$5,000	\$1,000		\$6,000
Outside Police Details	(\$24,486)	\$374,228	(\$375,778)	(\$26,035)
Bonds Refunded/issued	\$0	\$375,000	(\$375,000)	\$0
Totals	\$7,340	\$1,183,687	(\$804,927)	\$11,099

CAPITAL PROJECTS Year ending June 30, 2021

Descriptions	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Expenses	Transfers	Ending Balance
Road Improvements Prj	\$0	\$375,000	(\$375,000)		\$0
Totals	\$0	\$375,000	(\$375,000)	\$0	\$0

TOWN OF WEST STOCKBRIDGE

TRUST FUNDS

Year ending June 30, 2021

Descriptions	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Transfers in	Transfers out	Ending Balance
Tricentennial Trust	\$4,543	\$3			\$4,546
Stabilization - Tax Title Demo	\$15,000	\$0			\$15,000
Stabilization - Capital Fund	\$145,000	\$0			\$145,000
Stabilization Fund	\$442,845	\$1,000		(\$264)	\$443,581
Cemetery PC-interest	\$8,448	\$46			\$8,494
Cemetery PC - principal	\$60,648	\$0			\$60,648
Conservation Fund	\$14,962	\$9	\$300		\$15,271
Surface Water Bodies	\$739	\$4			\$743
War Memorial	\$3,869	\$2			\$3,872
Land Bank Trust	\$543	\$0			\$543
W.Stock Library Trust	\$0	\$6	\$47,096		\$47,102
Totals	\$696,597	\$1,070	\$47,396	(\$264)	\$744,799

OUTSTANDING DEBT

Year ending June 30, 2021

Descriptions	Beginning Balance	New debt	Payments	Ending Balance
Village Sch/Town Offices	\$285,000		(\$145,000)	\$140,000
Sewer	\$770,914		(\$23,362)	\$747,552
Water	\$0			\$0
West Center Rd Improvements	\$0	\$375,000		\$375,000
Dept Equip Loan[combined]:				
*Highway Loader	\$85,200			\$85,200
** Fire Truck(Pumper)	\$307,512			\$307,512
*** Dept Equip	\$98,848		(\$124,850)	(\$26,002)
**** Card Lake Parking Lot	\$140,000		(\$28,000)	\$112,000
	<u>\$631,560</u>			<u>\$478,710</u>
Totals	\$1,687,474	\$375,000	(\$321,212)	\$0
				\$1,741,262

Treasurer's Report - FY2021

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Balance as of June 30, 2021</u>
Berkshire Bank (General Fund)	\$431,877.24
Berkshire Bank (Payroll)	(\$12,436.72)
MMDT (General Fund)	93.66
UniBank (Vendor - #1568)	13,100.66
TDBank (Vendor)	3,096.21
UniBank (General Fund - #0783)	11.21
UniBank (General Fund - #1774)	394,955.88
UniBank (Building Commissioner)	73,239.82
Total General Fund	\$903,937.96

Stabilization Accounts

MMDT	603,581.24
Total Stabilization	\$603,581.24

Other Funds

Berkshire Bank (Water Enterprise)	\$154,468.37
Berkshire Bank (Sewer Enterprise)	100,966.38
UniBank (6-Trust Funds)	111,913.81
Berkshire Bank (Cultural Council)	5,440.98
Berkshire Bank (Zucchini Festival)	12,054.17
UniBank (Community Preservation)	75,489.31
Berk. Bank (Library-Now Account)	13,401.65
Berk. Bank (Library-MM Account)	47,102.29
Total Other Funds	\$520,836.96
TOTAL - ALL ACCOUNTS	<u>\$2,028,356.16</u>

Cash-Beginning Balance (07/01/20)	\$1,830,285.37
Receipts	\$7,917,773.12
Disbursements	(\$7,779,949.64)
Re-add (2) Library Accounts to GL	\$60,247.31
Ending Balance (06/30/21)	<u>\$2,028,356.16</u>

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen T. Williams
Town Treasurer

Annual Report 2022

West Stockbridge Parks & Recreation

The Parks & Recreation Committee, under helpful direction from Curt Wilton, is pleased to report that despite continued pandemic conditions throughout much of the year, we were able to move forward all of our 2021 plans with minor modifications.

This past year saw us tackle the well known “goose problem” at Card Pond in new ways – most notably through the installation of the “Away With Geese” lighting system. This system, which emits a blinking light almost invisible to the human eye, was installed in March in hopes of catching the geese before they began nesting. Unfortunately, the geese had already arrived, but now that we own the system we are prepared to have it in place much earlier in 2022!

After much discussion, our traditional Memorial Day parade and observance at the town war memorial went on as planned, with support and input from many of our local veterans. Both parade and ceremony were well attended, and townsfolk enjoyed Parks & Recreation-sponsored ice cream from the Public Market following the observance. Opening Card Pond was a challenge in 2021, due to a shortage of both lifeguards and Sundays with nice weather. Nevertheless, everyone’s favorite swimming spot was officially opened, sans lifeguard, on August 1st with a small party of about 50 townsfolk who enjoyed live music and grilled hotdogs! The annual town Halloween Haunts were altered a bit due to COVID safety precautions but trick-or-treat went on as scheduled, to the delight of children of all ages! While the Halloween parade and party were once again put on hold, Parks & Recreation was able to host a large, haunted drive-thru at the town hall thanks to several dozen eager volunteers! Finally, the annual West Stockbridge Sparkles event was back better than ever in 2021. Over 150 people, including 65 children, came together to celebrate the winter holidays with a candlelit caroling parade through town, tree lighting ceremony, and a meet & greet with Santa, Mrs. Claus, and a host of North Pole Elves!

The year came to a close with Parks & Recreation working toward upgrades to our well-loved town tennis court. We expect that 2022 will see some much-needed improvements in that area, which will make the tennis experience much more enjoyable for all. We know that 2022 will be a great year in West Stockbridge, with many plans on the horizon! We look forward to hiring a summer lifeguard, continuing to make improvements at Card Pond, breathing new life into our many beloved town events, and maintaining the open spaces that we all love so much!

Respectfully submitted by,

Caitlin Graham
Chairperson, West Stockbridge Parks & Recreation

Planning Board, 2021

The Planning Board, with the support of the Select Board and others, has continued work on updating the Town's master plan with regular meetings of the Master Plan Steering Committee. With Berkshire Regional Planning as consultants, surveys of residents were taken for both the Master Plan and the Open Space and Recreation Plan. A subcommittee was formed for working on the Open Space and Recreation Plan and ultimately two separate planning documents will be produced. Both documents will better position the town for accessing grant funding opportunities. Work is ongoing and in the spring of 2022 there will be a variety of opportunities for further reaching out to residents for discussion of Town vision, goals, and development of further input for the Master Plan.

The Planning Board continues work on a variety of zoning improvements, for example accessory dwelling units, short term rental, and multifamily housing. Much discussion has been had regarding the need for housing near the village center.

Work is being done to improve the Planning Board's process and ensure that updated information is available on line and that all forms and regulations are up to date and are posted on the website.

Regular work with Form A applications and Special Permits is ongoing.

Many thanks to all board members and volunteers for their service to the Town.

Submitted by
Dana Bixby, Chair



REPORT OF THE WEST STOCKBRIDGE VISION COMMITTEE, JANUARY 2022

The West Stockbridge Vision Committee (WSVC) is now in its third year. As we continually strive to adapt to an evolving West Stockbridge, we address topics that help improve the quality of life in our growing community.

We focus on town activities that make living and working in West Stockbridge a positive and rewarding experience. For example, we suggest ideas like updating our master plan, beautifying downtown, investigating noise control and exploring equitable ways to address it, helping with grants to fund town projects, supporting ways to help preserve our rural character, learning from our history, and discussing ways to improve our growth and increase prosperity for all.

Moving forward, the WSVC is shifting gears to focus on one specific project at a time while developing a connection with our Planning Board and other town boards and committees as we learn about the many projects underway and the evolving goals of our town.

We plan to continue supporting the development of our newly adopted Community Preservation Act (CPA), approved by the town last year. Through this Act, the town will create funding for more open space, recreation, and parks in West Stockbridge. A CPA committee is being formed to oversee the funds created.

WSVC currently has 10 members: Chair Joe Roy Jr., Vice Chair Bill Barth, Steve Graham (clerk and webmaster), Karen Carmean, Liz DiGrigoli, Thom Lipiczky, Doane Perry, Carter White, Peter Thorne, and Frank Landsberger. Members are appointed by the Select Board, but anyone can attend our meetings and/or offer suggestions. For links to our Zoom meetings, see our page on the town website: <https://www.weststockbridge-ma.gov/vision-committee>.

We also continue to focus on the following areas:

Marketing: Promoting and suggesting notable events in town; supporting the development of various marked trails around town; improving parks and creating more open space and hiking trails; promoting and encouraging new businesses; maintaining a vibrant website; upgrading playgrounds and finding ways to create new open space recreation areas; and always seeking public input from residents and visitors, all the while paying close attention to the needs of individual neighborhoods and abutters.

West Stockbridge Land Trust: We strive to deepen our understanding of the value of land preservation through the possible creation of a land trust. We intend to continue exploring this idea with the Select Board and the Conservation Commission, as well as other town boards, to learn their thoughts and share their sense of the town's support for this initiative.

We are currently represented on the West Stockbridge Open Space and Recreation Plan Committee (OSRP), along with the Parks and Recreation Committee, the Steering Committee, the Master Plan Committee, and the Planning Board, along with community planners from the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission who are all working on a master plan update for our town. A number of townspeople are looking into and preparing for our future. It's all part of an effort to enhance West Stockbridge and prepare for its future needs and challenges. The time to plan for "tomorrow" is always "now."

WSVC hopes to collect and discuss everyone's ideas about how to improve life in West Stockbridge. On our website, anyone can meet the members of our committee, read about our activities, and comment on what we've done so far. We welcome all suggestions. Please leave a message if you have ideas to contribute. Or come to a meeting! We typically meet on the third Tuesday of every month.

Our Vision Committee is a work in progress, and if you have an opinion on any of these ideas or others, we'd love to hear from you.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Roy, Jr
Chair, West Stockbridge Vision Committee



REPORT OF THE SOUTHERN BERKSHIRE DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

To the Honorable Select Board:

Thank you for allowing me to service the member towns, their veterans, and widows. We have made great strides in reaching out to our veterans in our local area, letting them know the various services available to them from Elderly Services, Community Actions and also the local senior centers. During FY 2021 we have seen a slight decrease in all areas of operation and currently have 37 active Chapter 115 claims.

Chapter 115 Submissions and Return from the State:

Town	FY 2021 Submitted 7/01/20- 6/30/21	Pmt Due in FY 2022 -FY 2021 - 75%
West Stockbridge	\$13,680.89	\$10,260.67

Over the last year we have completed the following for our member town's veterans:

Applications for VA Health Care	19
ALS/Disability/A&A/Appeals/Life Insurance	38
DD 214s	59
Request for Grave Markers	46
Tax Abatements/SS help/Other requests	53
Flags to funerals homes for veterans	67
Assisted with Dr. appointments	15
Home and Office Visits	294
Veterans Services Phone Calls	1402

For FY 2021 District budget was reduced by the reserve resulting in a smaller assessment for the member towns. During these trying financial times all veterans and widows are encouraged to contact this office or the US Department of Veterans Affairs and review current entitlements as many changes have taken place. West Stockbridge's apportionment towards the FY 2021 DVS budget was \$5,681.52 – this number was based on population percentage on the 2010 Census.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie J. Hils

Southern Berkshire District Director for Veteran Services

***Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Town of West Stockbridge
Warrant for Special Town Meeting***

BERKSHIRE: ss:

To any constable(s) of the Town of West Stockbridge, Massachusetts

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town who are qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet in the Gymnasium of the Town Offices at the Village School, 21 State Line Road in the Village of West Stockbridge, on Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at Six o'clock in the evening to act on the following articles:

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Code of the Town of West Stockbridge, as on file and available for viewing in the Town Clerk's Office and at the Town's website at www.weststockbridge-ma.gov, by inserting a Community Preservation Bylaw, as follows, and to add it to the Town Code as a new chapter; and further, to authorize the Town Clerk to make any non-substantive, ministerial changes, particularly as to numbering and formatting, so as to ensure consistency with the rest of the Town Code as necessary, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE BYLAW
PURSUANT TO MGL 44B**

Chapter 1: Establishment

There is hereby established a Community Preservation Committee, consisting of nine (9) voting members pursuant to MGL Chapter 44B. The composition of the Committee, the appointment authority and the term of office for the Committee members shall be as follows:

- a. One member of the Planning Board (created by Section 81A of Chapter 41) as designated by the Board for a term of three years.
- b. One member of the Conservation Commission (created by Section 8C of Chapter 40) as designated by the Commission for a term of three years.
- c. One member of the Historical Commission (created by Section 8D of Chapter 40) as designated by the Commission for a term of three years.
- d. One member of the Park Commissioners (created by Section 2 of Chapter 45) as designated by the Board for an initial term of one year, and thereafter, for a term of three years.
- e. One member of the Housing Authority Board (created by Section 3 of Chapter 121B) as designated by its Board of Directors for an initial term of two years, and thereafter, for a term of three years.
- f. Four members of the general public, who are not Town employees or currently holding elected or appointed positions, as designated by the Select Board. Two members will be

appointed for an initial term of one year, and thereafter, for a term of three years. The other two members will be appointed for an initial term of two years, and thereafter, for a term of three years.

Any vacancy on the Community Preservation Committee shall be filled by the commission, authority, or board that designated the member who creates the vacancy by designating another member in accordance with the above for the remainder of the unexpired term.

Should any of the Commissions, Boards, Councils, or Committees who have appointment authority under this Chapter be no longer in existence for whatever reason, the appointment authority for the designee or member of that Commission, Board, Council, or Committee shall become the responsibility of the Select Board.

Chapter 2: Duties

1. The Community Preservation Committee shall study the needs, possibilities, and resources of the Town regarding community preservation. The committee shall consult with existing municipal boards, including the Select Board, the Conservation Commission, the Historical Commission, the Planning Board, the Parks Commissioners and the Housing Authority, or persons acting in those capacities or performing like duties, in conducting such studies. As part of its study, the Committee shall hold one or more public informational hearings on the needs, possibilities and resources of the Town regarding community preservation possibilities and resources, notice of which shall be posted publicly and published for each of two weeks preceding a hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town. The Committee may, after proper appropriation, incur expenses as permitted by state law using funds from the Community Preservation Fund to pay such expenses.
2. The Community Preservation Committee shall make recommendations to Town Meeting for the acquisition, creation and preservation of open space; for the acquisition, preservation, rehabilitation and restoration of historic resources; for the acquisition, creation, preservation, rehabilitation and restoration of land for recreational use; for the acquisition, creation, preservation and support of community housing; and for the rehabilitation or restoration of open space and community housing that is acquired or created with Community Preservation Funds. With respect to community housing, the Community Preservation Committee shall recommend, wherever possible, the reuse of existing buildings or construction of new buildings on previously developed sites.
3. The Community Preservation Committee may include in its recommendation to the Town Meeting a recommendation to set aside for later spending funds for specific purposes that are consistent with community preservation but for which sufficient revenues are not then available in the Community Preservation Fund to accomplish that specific purpose or recommended action to set aside for later spending funds for general purposes that are consistent with community preservation, provided, however, that Town Meeting spend or set aside for later spending at least 10 percent of the annual revenues in the Community Preservation Fund for each of the following: open space; historic resources; and community housing.

Chapter 3: Requirement for a Quorum and Cost Estimates

The Community Preservation Committee shall not meet or conduct business without the presence of a quorum and shall keep a written record of its proceedings. A majority of the members of the Community Preservation Committee shall constitute a quorum. The Community Preservation

Committee shall approve its actions by majority vote of the quorum. Recommendations to the Town Meeting shall include their anticipated costs.

Chapter 4: Amendments

The Community Preservation Committee shall, from time to time, review the administration of this Bylaw, making recommendations, as needed, for changes in the Bylaw and in administrative practice to improve the operations of the Community Preservation Committee. This Bylaw may be amended from time to time by a majority vote of the Town Meeting, provided that the amendments would not be in conflict with Chapter 44B of the Massachusetts General Laws.

Chapter 5: Severability

In the event that any section, paragraph, or part of this chapter be for any reason declared invalid or unconstitutional by any court of last resort, every other section, paragraph, or part shall continue in full force and effect.

Chapter 6: Effective Date

Following Town Meeting approval of this Bylaw, this Chapter shall take effect immediately upon approval by the Attorney General of the Commonwealth. Each appointing authority shall have thirty days after approval by the Attorney General to make their initial appointments.

Motion made, seconded, approved.

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$6,000 from the amounts appropriated for gear racks at the 2020 Annual Town Meeting Article 31 to the Fire Department equipment fund, or take any other action in relation thereto. **Motion made, seconded, approved.**

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Code of the Town of West Stockbridge, as on file and available for viewing in the Town Clerk's Office and at the Town's website at www.weststockbridge-ma.gov, by deleting Chapter 135 (Fire Protection Systems) thereof in its entirety, or take any other action in relation thereto. **Motion made, seconded, approved.**

Article 4: To do and transact any other business necessary to be done by the Town.

No other business requested – Motion Made to Adjourn, seconded, approved.

Given under our hands this 2nd day of November 2020.

West Stockbridge Select Board

Roger Kavanagh, *Chair*

Eric Shimelonis

Kathleen Keresey

I hereby certify that I have posted and attested copies of this warrant at the Post Office at West Stockbridge, at State Line, West Center, Williamsville, and High Street as directed by vote of the Town of West Stockbridge.

Attested: _____, Constable

Date: _____

***Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Town of West Stockbridge
Annual Town Meeting Warrant
May 3, 2021
And
Annual Election Warrant
May 10, 2021***

BERKSHIRE: ss:

To any constable(s) of the Town of West Stockbridge, Massachusetts

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town who are qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at 21 State Line Road, Town Hall in the Village of West Stockbridge, on Monday, May 10, 2021 at ten o'clock in the morning for the purpose of bringing in their votes to the Election Officer(s) for the election of candidates for the following offices:

- One Moderator for a term of one year.
- One Member, Select Board for a term of three years.
- One Member, Board of Assessors for a term of three years.
- Two Members, Finance Committee for terms of three years each.
- One Member, Planning Board for a term of five years.
- One Member, Board of Health for a term of one year.
- One Member, Board of Health for a term of three years.
- One Member, Board of Library Trustees for a term of one year.
- One Member, Board of Library Trustees for a term of three years.
- One Member, Cemetery Commission for a term of three years.

The polls will be opened at ten o'clock in the morning and will remain open continuously until seven o'clock in the evening of said day when they will then be closed.

All ballots shall be furnished by the Town and the election will be conducted according to the General Court and in conformity with the Election Laws of the Commonwealth.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, to sell at public auction all or any of its property acquired by virtue of sale of non-payment of taxes, which have been confirmed by the Land Court to the Tax Commissioner, and to give deeds therefor, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Motion made, seconded, approved

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, to borrow from time to time in anticipation of revenue, in accordance with the provisions of MGL Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, Section 17, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

(Requires 2/3rds vote)

Motion made, seconded, approved unanimously

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town, with the approval of the Select Board, to seek and accept any grants and to further authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, to borrow from time to time in anticipation of revenue in accordance with the provisions of MGL Chapter 44, Section(s) 6, 6A, and 8C and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within two years, and to renew any note or notes as may be given in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, Section 17, *or take any other action in relation thereto. (Requires 2/3rds vote)*

Motion made, seconded, approved unanimously

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to require the Tax Collector, Deputy Tax Collector, Town Clerk, and Treasurer to give bonds by some surety company and to raise and appropriate a sum or sums of money to pay for same, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Motion made, seconded, approved

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws of the Town of West Stockbridge, as on file and available for viewing in the Town Clerk's Office and at the Town's website at www.weststockbridge-ma.gov, by inserting a Community Preservation Bylaw, as follows, and to assign it as Chapter 110, and further, to authorize the Town Clerk to make any non-substantive, ministerial changes, particularly as to numbering and formatting, so as to ensure consistency with the rest of the Town Bylaws as necessary, *or take any other action in relation thereto:*

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PURSUANT TO MGL 44B**

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- b. One member of the Conservation Commission (created by Section 8C of Chapter 40) as designated by the Commission for a term of three years.
- c. One member of the Historical Commission (created by Section 8D of Chapter 40) as designated by the Commission for a term of three years.

available in the Community Preservation Fund to accomplish that specific purpose or recommended action to set aside for later spending funds for general purposes that are consistent with community preservation, provided, however, that Town Meeting spend or set aside for later spending at least 10 percent of the annual revenues in the Community Preservation Fund for each of the following: open space; historic resources; and community housing.

Chapter 3: Requirement for a Quorum and Cost Estimates

The Community Preservation Committee shall not meet or conduct business without the presence of a quorum and shall keep a written record of its proceedings. A majority of the members of the Community Preservation Committee shall constitute a quorum. The Community Preservation Committee shall approve its actions by majority vote of the quorum. Recommendations to the Town Meeting shall include their anticipated costs.

Chapter 4: Amendments

The Community Preservation Committee shall, from time to time, review the administration of this Bylaw, making recommendations, as needed, for changes in the Bylaw and in administrative practice to improve the operations of the Community Preservation Committee. This Bylaw may be amended from time to time by a majority vote of the Town Meeting, provided that the amendments would not be in conflict with Chapter 44B of the Massachusetts General Laws.

Chapter 5: Severability

In the event that any section, paragraph, or part of this chapter be for any reason declared invalid or unconstitutional by any court of last resort, every other section, paragraph, or part shall continue in full force and effect.

Chapter 6: Effective Date

Following Town Meeting approval of this Bylaw, this Chapter shall take effect immediately upon approval by the Attorney General of the Commonwealth. Each appointing authority shall have thirty days after approval by the Attorney General to make their initial appointments.

Motion made, seconded, approved

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws of the Town of West Stockbridge, as on file and available for viewing in the Town Clerk's Office and at the Town's website at www.weststockbridge-ma.gov, by adding paragraphs 240-7 through 240-10 below to Chapter 240 Vehicles and Traffic to the Town Bylaws; and further, to authorize the Town Clerk to make any non-substantive, ministerial changes, particularly as to numbering and formatting, so as to ensure consistency with the rest of the Town Bylaws as necessary, *or take any other action in relation thereto:*

§ 240-9 Application Process.

Applicants will be required to document a properly licensed (or in-process) Class I, II, or III vehicle business, identify the specific location of the operation of the business, and file a detailed and orderly vehicle site plan. The Select Board has the authority to set the maximum number of vehicles allowable on the premises at one time. Before issuing a license or a license renewal, the Select Board or its designee shall inspect the site for compliance to the site plan, to local zoning, and to state and federal statutes or regulations. Once the application process is complete, the Select Board will put the permit application on the next possible agenda, and will make a motion to either approve or deny the application.

§ 240-10 Compliance and Enforcement.

The license holder is required to remain in perpetual compliance with the terms of the license, to the vehicle site plan, and to state and federal statutes or regulations. The Select Board or its designee may inspect the business site at any time, and may revoke the license for any non-compliance.

Motion made, seconded.

Eric Shimelonis made a motion to Amend 240-10 as follows:

The license holder is required to remain in perpetual compliance with the terms of the license, to the vehicle site plan, and to state and federal regulations. The Select Board or its designee may inspect the business site at any time, and will present the permit holder with written notice specifying any noted non-compliance. Failure of the licensee to resolve any specified non-compliance within two weeks of receipt of the written notice will result in revocation of the license.

**Motion made to accept amendment, seconded, approved 16 yes, 10 opposed.
Amendment passed.**

Motion made on Article as amended, seconded, discussion followed.

Billy Kie: Town reports not mailed so meeting is illegal since it was voted 12 years ago. Marie explained warrant on web site and legal posting. Moderator explains meeting will proceed. Billy Kie: Article 12 targets two businesses in town, Troy's and Kie's, wanted motion to table vote and questioned why this was presented. Eric explained it is to make process transparent, there was no set process before. Both Paula Farrell and Phil Lockenwitz complained about Article 12, as well as Wayne Cooper, Mike DiGrigoli, and Dominic Lydon. Vote was called: 13 yes, opposed 39.

Motion on Article 12 as amended failed.

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws of the Town of West Stockbridge, as on file and available for viewing in the Town Clerk's Office and at the Town's website at www.weststockbridge-ma.gov, by deleting Chapter 135 (Fire Protection Systems) thereof in its entirety, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Motion made, seconded, approved

Treas/Accountant Software	\$ 5,100	\$ 0	\$ 5,100
Assessor's Salary	\$ 4,500	\$ 0	\$ 4,500
Assessor's Cont Services/Expense	\$ 51,923	\$ 1,375	\$ 53,298
Treasurer's Expenses	\$ 6,000	\$ 0	\$ 6,000
Treasurer's Salary	\$ 20,000	\$ 0	\$ 20,000
Treasurer State Certification	\$ 1,000	\$ 0	\$ 1,000
Town Collector's Expenses	\$ 12,350	\$ (300)	\$ 12,050
Town Collector's Salary	\$ 18,500	\$ 0	\$ 18,500
Town Collector State Certification	\$ 1,000	\$ 0	\$ 1,000
Tax Title Expenses	\$ 4,000	\$ 0	\$ 4,000
Town Clerk's Expenses	\$ 1,700	\$ 0	\$ 1,700
Town Clerk's Salary	\$ 15,000	\$ 0	\$ 15,000
Elections and Registrations	\$ 12,000	\$ (8,000)	\$ 4,000
Preservation of Records	\$ 3,000	\$ 0	\$ 3,000
Street List	\$ 500	\$ 0	\$ 500
Conservation Commission	\$ 3,000	\$ 0	\$ 3,000
Planning Board	\$ 5,125	\$ (2,025)	\$ 3,100
Zoning Board of Appeals	\$ 1,000	\$ 0	\$ 1,000
Town Insurance	\$ 90,000	\$ 0	\$ 90,000
Officers' Bonds	\$ 1,300	\$ 200	\$ 1,500
Town Reports	\$ 3,800	\$ 0	\$ 3,800
Town Audit	\$ 13,500	\$ 2,000	\$ 15,500
Town Website Annual Maint.	\$ 3,500	\$ 1,000	\$ 4,500
Computer/IT Services	\$ 8,000	\$ 0	\$ 8,000
Town Buildings Operations	\$121,550	\$ 3,500	\$125,050
Town Buildings Salaries	\$ 10,000	\$39,300	\$ 49,300
OPEB Fees	\$ 1,050	\$ 1,575	\$ 2,625

Total General Government	\$547,898	\$70,375	\$618,273
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Motion made, seconded, approved

Protection of Persons and Property

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the following sums of money for the public safety departments of the Town for fiscal year 2022, as follows, *or take any other action in relation thereto:*

[Approved by the Finance Committee]

	<u>FY 21</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>FY 22</u>
Police Department Expenses	\$ 65,000	\$ 200	\$ 65,200
Police Department Salaries	\$301,950	\$ 19,709	\$321,659
Fire/EMT Services	\$ 53,170	\$ 3,280	\$ 56,450
Richmond Ambulance	\$ 3,500	\$ 0	\$ 3,500
EMT Incentive	\$ 2,400	\$ 0	\$ 2,400
Fireperson's Incentive	\$ 7,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 10,000
Communication Services	\$ 12,710	\$ 0	\$ 12,710
Building Inspector	\$ 9,800	\$ 250	\$ 10,050

Cemetery Tree Removal	\$ 14,000	\$ 0	\$ 14,000
Mill & Card Pond Weed Removal	\$ 12,700	\$ 300	\$ 13,000
Group Purchasing	\$ 900	\$ 0	\$ 900

Total Public Works & Facilities ***\$706,078*** ***\$ 5,287*** ***\$711,365***

Motion made, seconded, approved

Human Services

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the following sums of money for the human services departments of the Town for fiscal 2022, *or take any other action in relation thereto:*

[Approved by the Finance Committee]

	<u>FY21</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>FY22</u>
Board of Health	\$ 4,500	\$ (1,500)	\$ 3,000
Board of Health Salary	\$ 12,870	\$ 2,130	\$ 15,000
Community Health	\$ 26,050	\$ 1,050	\$ 27,100
Council on Aging	\$ 15,000	\$ 0	\$ 15,000
Veteran's Benefits	\$ 10,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 15,000
American Legion/Memorial Day	\$ 2,000	\$ 0	\$ 2,000

Total Human Services ***\$ 70,420*** ***\$ 6,680*** ***\$ 77,100***

Motion made, seconded, approved

Culture and Recreation

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the following sums of money for culture and recreation departments of the Town for fiscal year 2022, *or take any other action in relation thereto:*

[Approved by the Finance Committee]

	<u>FY 201</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>FY 22</u>
Library	\$ 50,135	\$ 0	\$ 50,135
Parks and Recreation	\$ 14,000	\$ 0	\$ 14,000
Historical Commission	\$ 200	\$ 0	\$ 200
Vision Committee	\$ 1,435	\$ 0	\$ 1,435

Total Culture and Recreation ***\$ 65,770*** ***\$ 0*** ***\$ 65,770***

Motion made, seconded, approved

Debt and Interest

Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the following sums of money for debt and interest obligations for fiscal year 2022, *or take any other action in relation thereto:*

purchase of a new copier for Town Hall, the sum of \$7,000.00, including all incidental and related costs, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Motion made, seconded, approved

Article 27: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from certified free cash for the purchase and installation of a new telephone system at Town Hall, including all software, the sum of \$4,300.00, including all incidental and related costs, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Motion made, seconded, approved

Article 28: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from certified free cash the sum of \$26,000.00 to pay for the Town's portion of a new shared Fire Chief vehicle with the Town of Richmond, provided, however, that the Town of Richmond also appropriates its share of the costs, including all incidental and related costs, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Motion made, seconded, approved

Article 29: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from certified free cash the sum of Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000.00) for the purpose of supporting the work of the Regional School District Planning Board in its study of the financial and educational advisability of options for consolidating the Southern Berkshire Regional School District and the Berkshire Hills Regional School District, *or take any other action relative thereto.*

Motion made, seconded, approved

Article 30: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow the sum of \$294,032.00 for the purpose of funding the resurfacing of East Alford Road and Cobb Road, and for the payment of all other incidental and related costs, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

[NOTE: The intent of this appropriation is to add available Town funds to our annual State highway funding to provide for the resurfacing of the East Alford Road and Cobb Road paving project. (Requires 2/3rds vote)]

Motion made, seconded, approved unanimously

Article 31: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow the sum of \$240,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing a new Department of Public Works Plow Truck, and for the payment of all other incidental and related costs, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

(Requires 2/3rds vote)

Motion made, seconded, approved unanimously

Article 32: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$104,300.00 for the purpose of funding the FY 2022 Sewer Department Operation and Maintenance Budget to be offset, in full, by user receipts, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Motion made, seconded, approved

same for the upcoming fiscal year:

	<u>FY '21</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>FY '22</u>
Cemetery Commissioners	\$ 500	\$ 0	\$ 500
Emergency Alarm Inspector	\$ 500	\$ 0	\$ 500
Gas Inspector	\$ 1,000	\$ 0	\$ 1,000
Plumbing Inspector	\$ 500	\$ 0	\$ 500
Wire Inspector	\$ 2,000	\$ 0	\$ 2,000
Oil Burner Inspector	\$ 200	\$ 0	\$ 200
Title V Inspector	\$ 3,000	\$ 0	\$ 3,000
Parks and Recreation Fees	\$ 500	\$ 0	\$ 500
Total	\$ 8,200	\$0	\$ 8,200

Or take any other action in relation thereto.

[Approved by the Finance Committee]

Motion made, seconded, approved

Article 35: To do and transact any other business necessary to be done by the Town.

Motion made to adjourn, seconded, approved

Given under our hands this 12th day of April in the year 2021.

West Stockbridge Select Board

Roger Kavanagh, *Chair*

Eric Shimelonis

Kathleen Keresey

I hereby certify that I have posted and attested copies of this warrant at the Post Office at West Stockbridge, and at the public notice boards in State Line, West Center, Williamsville, and High Street as directed by vote of the Town of West Stockbridge.

Attested: _____, Constable

Date: _____

Town Clerk _____

Date: _____

Veronica Barrett

True Attest Copy

***Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Town of West Stockbridge
Warrant for Special Town Meeting
June 23, 2021***

BERKSHIRE: ss:

To any constable(s) of the Town of West Stockbridge, Massachusetts

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town who are qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at six o'clock in the evening on Wednesday, June 23, 2021 in the Gymnasium at the Town Hall, 21 State Line Road, in the Town of West Stockbridge then and there to act on the following articles:

Moderator opened the meeting at 6:14PM once a quorum was present.

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$55,000 from Certified FY 2021 Sewer Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings for the purchase of a drive system update to one Rotating Biological Contactor, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*
Approved - Unanimous

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$6,000 from Certified FY 2021 Sewer Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings for Gearbox repairs, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*
Approved – Unanimous

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$3,600 from Certified FY 2021 Sewer Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings for the purchase of a new motor for the Roof-top Make-up Air Unit, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*
Approved - Unanimous

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$5,500 from Certified FY 2021 Sewer Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings to paint and repair the Waste Water Treatment Plant roof, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*
Approved – Unanimous

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$18,000 from Certified Free Cash to supplement the FY2021 Sewer Operations budget, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*
Approved – Unanimous

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$4,000 from Certified FY2021 Water Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings to supplement the FY2021 Water Operations budget, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*
Approved – Unanimous

Article 7: To do and transact any other business necessary to be done by the Town.
No other business requested.

Motion to Adjourn and seconded at 6:21 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Marie Y. Ryan, Assistant Town Clerk

True Copy Attest:


Marie Y. Ryan, Assistant Town Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Town of West Stockbridge
May 9, 2022
Warrant for Annual Town Election

BERKSHIRE: ss:

To any constable(s) of the Town of West Stockbridge, Massachusetts

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town who are qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet in the Gymnasium of the Town Hall, 21 State Line Road in the Village of West Stockbridge, on Monday May 9, 2022 at ten o'clock in the morning for the purpose of bringing in their votes to the Election Officer(s) for the election of candidates for the following offices:

- One Moderator for a term of one year.
- One Member, Select Board for a term of three years.
- One Town Clerk for a term of three years.
- One Town Collector for a term of three years.
- One Member, Board of Assessors for a term of three years.
- One Member, Finance Committee for terms of three years.
- One Member, Planning Board for a term of five years.
- One Member, Board of Health for a term of three years.
- One Member, Board of Library Trustees for a term of three years.
- One Member, Cemetery Commission for a term of three years.

The polls will be opened at ten o'clock in the morning and will remain open continuously until seven o'clock in the evening of said day when they will then be closed.

All ballots shall be furnished by the Town Clerk and the election will be conducted in conformity with the Election Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Town of West Stockbridge
May 2, 2022
Warrant for Annual Town Meeting

BERKSHIRE: ss:

To any constable(s) of the Town of West Stockbridge, Massachusetts

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, *who are qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at six o'clock in the evening on Monday May 2, 2022 in the gymnasium in the Town Hall of West Stockbridge, located at 21 State Line Road, then and there to act on the following articles:*

Article 01: To hear and act upon the reports of the Town Officers or any Committee of the Town.

Article 02: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to act as agents of the Town in accordance with MGL Chapter 40, Section 2 for the purpose of bringing suit or suits in the name of the Town and on its behalf, and to adjust, litigate, defend, compromise, settle, and execute any and all documents pursuant to any settlement on behalf of the Town for such amounts as the Select Board shall determine in their decision to be proper and in the best interest of the Town, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Article 03: To see if the Town will vote to authorize any Board or Officer in charge of a department, with the approval of the Select Board, to sell any property of the Town which has become obsolete or is not required for further use by the respective department and which does not, in the opinion of the Selectmen, exceed \$500.00 in value, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Article 04: To see if the Town will vote to accept the Cemetery Perpetual Care funds received for the fiscal year 2022, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Article 05: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Moderator to appoint any agents or committees of the Town and give them authority or instructions, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Article 06: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to appoint all non-elected Town Officers necessary or required to be chosen by the Town, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Article 07: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, to sell at public auction all or any of its property acquired by virtue of sale of non-payment of taxes, which have been confirmed by the Land Court to the Tax Commissioner, and to give deeds therefor, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Article 08: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, to borrow from time to time in anticipation of revenue, in accordance with the provisions of MGL Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, Section 17, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*
(Requires a 2/3rds Majority vote to pass)

Article 09: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town, with the approval of the Select Board, to seek and accept any grants and to further authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, to borrow from time to time in anticipation of revenue in accordance with the provisions of MGL Chapter 44, Section(s) 6, 6A, and 8C and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within two years, and to renew any note or notes as may be given in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, Section 17, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to require the Tax Collector, Deputy Tax Collector, Town Clerk, and Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer to give bonds by some surety company and to raise and appropriate a sum or sums of money to pay for same, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Article 11: To see if the Town will approve the \$1,500,000 borrowing authorized by the Berkshire Hills Regional School District, for the purpose of paying costs of the Feasibility and Schematic Design Study for the Monument Mountain Regional High School located at 600 Stockbridge Road, Great Barrington, MA, which will materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve an asset that otherwise is capable of supporting the required educational program, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, and for which the District may be eligible for a school construction grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended at the direction of Berkshire Hills Regional School District School Building Committee. The MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any Study costs the District incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the District and its member municipalities. Any grant that the District may receive from the MSBA for the Study shall be as set forth in the Feasibility Study Agreement that may be executed between the District and the MSBA, and that the amount of borrowing authorized by the District shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Feasibility Study Agreement that may be executed between the District and the MSBA, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*
(Recommended by the Berkshire Hills Regional School Committee)

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries of various elected Town Officers, as follows, *or take any other action in relation thereto:*

[Approved by the Finance Committee]

	<u>FY 22</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>FY 23</u>
Select Board Member (Chair)	\$ 2,200	\$ 0	\$ 2,200
Select Board Member (each, 2 members)	\$ 2,000	\$ 0	\$ 2,000
Town Moderator	\$ 200	\$ 0	\$ 200
Town Clerk	\$ 15,000	\$ 0	\$ 15,000
Town Collector	\$ 18,500	\$ 500	\$ 19,000
Assessors (each, 3 members)	\$ 1,500	\$ 0	\$ 1,500

General Government

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the following sums of money for the general government operations of the Town for fiscal year 2023, as follows, *or take any other action in relation thereto:*

[Approved by the Finance Committee]

	<u>FY 22</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>FY 23</u>
Town Counsel	\$ 25,000	\$15,000	\$ 40,000
Town Moderator	\$ 200	\$ 0	\$ 200
Town Administrator Salary	\$ 77,250	\$ 2318	\$ 79,568
Town Administrator Expenses	\$ 9,000	\$ 0	\$ 9,000
Sick/Personal Day Payout	\$ 6,000	\$ 0	\$ 6,000
Select Board's Salaries	\$ 6,200	\$ 0	\$ 6,200
Select Board's Expenses	\$ 14,000	\$ 500	\$ 14,500
Finance Committee	\$ 200	\$ 0	\$ 200
Accountant's Salary	\$ 20,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 21,000
Accountant's State Certification	\$ 1,000	\$ 0	\$ 1,000
Accountant's Expenses	\$ 2,400	\$ 0	\$ 2,400
Treasurer/Accountant Software	\$ 5,100	\$ 800	\$ 5,900
Assessor's Salary	\$ 4,500	\$ 0	\$ 4,500
Assessor's Cont Services/Expense	\$ 53,298	\$ 1,250	\$ 54,548
Treasurer's Expenses	\$ 6,000	\$ 0	\$ 6,000
Treasurer State Certification	\$ 1,000	\$ 0	\$ 1,000
Treasurer's Salary	\$ 20,000	\$ 2,500	\$ 22,500
Town Collector's Expenses	\$ 12,050	\$ 700	\$ 12,750
Town Collector's Salary	\$ 18,500	\$ 500	\$ 19,000
Town Collector State Certification	\$ 1,000	\$ 0	\$ 1,000
Tax Title Expenses	\$ 4,000	\$ (2000)	\$ 2,000
Town Clerk's Expenses	\$ 1,700	\$ 210	\$ 1,910
Town Clerk's Salary	\$ 15,000	\$ 0	\$ 15,000
Elections and Registrations	\$ 4,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 10,000
Preservation of Records	\$ 3,000	\$ 0	\$ 3,000
Street List	\$ 500	\$ 0	\$ 500
Conservation Commission	\$ 3,000	\$ 0	\$ 3,000
Planning Board	\$ 3,100	\$13,650	\$ 16,750
Zoning Board of Appeals	\$ 1,000	\$ 3,500	\$ 4,500
Town Insurance	\$ 90,000	\$ 0	\$ 90,000
Officers' Bonds	\$ 1,500	\$ 0	\$ 1,500
Town Reports	\$ 3,800	\$ 0	\$ 3,800
Town Audit	\$ 15,500	\$ 1,000	\$ 16,500
Town Website Annual Maint.	\$ 4,500	\$ 0	\$ 4,500
Computer/IT Services	\$ 8,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 10,000
Town Buildings Electricity	\$ 45,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 50,000
Town Buildings Fuel	\$ 29,000	\$ 0	\$ 29,000
Town Buildings Telephone	\$ 13,000	\$ 0	\$ 13,000
Town Buildings Repairs/Maint.	\$ 20,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 25,000
Town Buildings Plants & Gardening	\$ 3,500	\$ 8,000	\$ 11,500
Town Buildings Supplies	\$ 10,800	\$ 1,200	\$ 12,000

	<u>FY 22</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>FY 23</u>
Town Buildings Custodian Salary	\$ 49,300	\$ 4,260	\$ 53,560
Town Seasonal Salary	\$ 3,750	\$ 250	\$ 4,000
Town Signage	\$ 0	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000
OPEB Fees	\$ 2,625	\$ 325	\$ 2,950
Total General Government	\$618,273	\$79,963	\$698,236

Protection of Persons and Property

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the following sums of money for the public safety departments of the Town for fiscal year 2023, as follows, *or take any other action in relation thereto*: [Approved by the Finance Committee]

	<u>FY 22</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>FY 23</u>
Police Chief Salary	\$ 76,404	\$ 4,584	\$ 80,988
Chief Sick/Personal Payout	\$ 5,857	\$ 175	\$ 6,032
Part Time Patrol Officers Salary	\$ 59,599	\$ 3,333	\$ 62,932
Full Time Officers Salary	\$135,308	\$ 4,059	\$139,367
Administrative Asst. Salary	\$ 18,915	\$ 567	\$ 19,482
Full Time Officers Holiday Pay	\$ 11,530	\$ 350	\$ 11,880
Training Time Pay	\$ 8,500	\$ 255	\$ 8,755
Police Overtime Pay	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,500	\$ 7,500
Fitness Stipend	\$ 1,800	\$ 900	\$ 2,700
Uniforms	\$ 5,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 6,000
Police Training	\$ 10,000	\$ 0	\$ 10,000
Police Fuel	\$ 12,000	\$ 0	\$ 12,000
Police Dues & Subscriptions	\$ 6,500	\$ 0	\$ 6,500
Police Vehicles Repairs & Maint.	\$ 10,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 11,000
Police Other Charges & Expenses	\$ 5,000	\$ 0	\$ 5,000
Police Maint. Contracts	\$ 6,700	\$ 1,000	\$ 7,700
Police Supplies	\$ 4,000	\$ 0	\$ 4,000
Police Equipment	\$ 6,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 8,000
Police Bridge Academy	\$ 0	\$ 28,000	\$ 28,000
Police Traffic Calming	\$ 0	\$ 12,800	\$ 12,800
Fire Chief Salary	\$ 10,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 12,000
Fire Department Training	\$ 2,400	\$ 0	\$ 2,400
Fire Department Fuel	\$ 3,000	\$ 0	\$ 3,000
Fire Dept. Dues & Subscriptions	\$ 3,000	\$ 0	\$ 3,000
Fire Dept. Repairs & Maint.	\$ 15,000	\$ 0	\$ 15,000
Fire Dept. Turnout Gear	\$ 10,000	\$ 0	\$ 10,000
Fire Dept. Supplies	\$ 6,250	\$ 0	\$ 6,250
Fire Dept. Office Supplies	\$ 1,000	\$ 0	\$ 1,000
Fire Dept. Medical Supplies	\$ 5,800	\$ 0	\$ 5,800
Richmond Ambulance	\$ 3,500	\$ 41,500	\$ 45,000
EMT Incentive	\$ 2,400	\$ 0	\$ 2,400
Fireperson's Incentive	\$ 7,500	\$ 5,000	\$ 12,500
Communication Services	\$ 12,710	\$ 0	\$ 12,710

	<u>FY 22</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>FY 23</u>
Building Inspector	\$ 10,050	\$ 1,950	\$ 12,000
Building Inspector Expenses	\$ 2,500	\$ 0	\$ 2,500
Emergency Management	\$ 600	\$ 0	\$ 600
Animal Control Officer	\$ 5,000	\$ 0	\$ 5,000
Animal Control Officer Exp.	\$ 400	\$ 0	\$ 400
Tree Warden	\$ 16,000	\$ 0	\$ 16,000
<i>Tot. Protection Persons & Property</i>	<i>\$504,223</i>	<i>\$113,973</i>	<i>\$618,196</i>

Education

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$3,184,170 for the purpose of paying the FY 2023 operating assessment for the Berkshire Hills Regional School District, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

[Approved by the Finance Committee]

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$84,315 for the purpose of paying the FY 2023 capital assessment for the Berkshire Hills Regional School District, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

[Approved by the Finance Committee]

Public Works and Facilities

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the following sums of money for the public works and facilities departments of the Town for fiscal year 2023, *or take any other action in relation thereto:*

[Approved by the Finance Committee]

	<u>FY 22</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>FY 23</u>
Director Salary	\$ 78,613	\$ 2,359	\$ 80,972
Highway Salaries	\$170,868	\$ 5,132	\$176,000
Sick/Personal Day Payout	\$ 14,268	\$ 3,452	\$ 17,720
Contracted Longevity Pay	\$ 4,500	\$ 500	\$ 5,000
Highway Overtime	\$ 14,600	\$ 0	\$ 14,600
Fitness Stipend	\$ 1,800	\$ 2,700	\$ 4,500
Uniform Allowance	\$ 4,000	\$ 0	\$ 4,000
Highway Professional Training	\$ 900	\$ 0	\$ 900
Dues & Subscriptions	\$ 800	\$ 0	\$ 800
Gas and Diesel Fuel	\$ 25,000	\$ (3,000)	\$ 22,000
Highways and Bridges	\$ 14,000	\$ 0	\$ 14,000
Culverts and Guardrails	\$ 7,000	\$ 0	\$ 7,000
Machinery Maintenance	\$ 26,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 28,000
Highway Construction	\$ 55,000	\$ (3,000)	\$ 52,000
Highway Line Painting	\$ 15,600	\$ 1,400	\$ 17,000
Snow and Ice Removal	\$ 80,000	\$ 0	\$ 80,000
Street Lights	\$ 17,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 20,000
Solid Waste Transfer Station	\$117,516	\$ 2,700	\$120,216

	<u>FY 22</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>FY 23</u>
Hazardous Waste Disposal	\$ 3,000	\$ 0	\$ 3,000
Cemetery Department	\$ 33,000	\$ 0	\$ 33,000
Cemetery Tree Removal	\$ 14,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 15,000
Mill & Card Pond Weed Removal	\$ 13,000	\$ (13,000)	\$ 0
Group Purchasing	\$ 900	\$ 0	\$ 900
Total Public Works & Facilities	\$711,365	\$ 5,243	\$716,608

Human Services

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the following sums of money for the human services departments of the Town for fiscal year 2023, *or take any other action in relation thereto:*

[Approved by the Finance Committee]

	<u>FY 22</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>FY 23</u>
Board of Health	\$ 3,000	\$ (525)	\$ 2,475
Board of Health Salary	\$ 15,000	\$ 525	\$ 15,525
Community Health	\$ 27,100	\$ (23,100)	\$ 4,000
Council on Aging	\$ 15,000	\$ 0	\$ 15,000
Veteran's Benefits	\$ 15,000	\$ 0	\$ 15,000
American Legion/Memorial Day	\$ 2,000	\$ 0	\$ 2,000
Total Human Services	\$ 77,100	\$ (23,100)	\$ 54,000

Culture and Recreation

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the following sums of money for culture and recreation departments of the Town for fiscal year 2023, *or take any other action in relation thereto:*

[Approved by the Finance Committee]

	<u>FY 22</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>FY 23</u>
Library	\$ 50,135	\$ 1,244	\$ 51,379
Parks and Recreation	\$ 14,000	\$ 9,850	\$ 23,850
Historical Commission	\$ 200	\$ 0	\$ 200
Vision Committee	\$ 1,435	\$ 0	\$ 1,435
Total Culture and Recreation	\$ 65,770	\$ 11,094	\$ 76,864

Debt and Interest

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the following sums of money for debt and interest obligations for fiscal year 2023, *or take any other action in relation thereto:*

[Approved by the Finance Committee]

	<u>FY 22</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>FY 23</u>
Interest & Fees Short/Long Term	\$ 5,000	\$ 0	\$ 5,000
Sewer Capital Costs	\$ 37,379	\$ (438)	\$ 36,941
Town Hall Bldg Loan	\$142,800	\$(142,800)	\$ 0
Multi-Purpose Loan	\$137,796	\$ 35,125	\$172,921
Multi-Purpose Loan FY23	\$ 0	\$ 44,142	\$ 44,142
Total Debt & Interest	\$322,975	\$ (63,971)	\$259,004

Intergovernmental Expenses

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the following sums of money for intergovernmental expenses for fiscal year 2023, *or take any other action in relation thereto:*

[Approved by the Finance Committee]

	<u>FY 22</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>FY 23</u>
Veterans District	\$ 6,000	\$ 100	\$ 6,100
Total Intergovernmental Expenses	\$ 6,000	\$ 100	\$ 6,100

Unclassified Expenses

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the following sums of money for certain unclassified expenses for fiscal year 2023, *or take any other action in relation thereto:*

[Approved by the Finance Committee]

	<u>FY 22</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>FY 23</u>
Berkshire County Retirement	\$154,015	\$14,708	\$168,723
Health Insurance	\$207,674	\$ 0	\$207,674
Medicare & FICA Tax	\$ 18,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 19,000
Reserve Fund	\$ 20,000	\$ 0	\$ 20,000
Conservation Trust	\$ 300	\$ 0	\$ 300
Unemployment Insurance	\$ 1,000	\$ 0	\$ 1,000
Total Unclassified Expenses	\$400,989	\$ 15,708	\$416,697

Special Financial Article

[The following articles have been approved by the Finance Committee.]

Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to accept the layout of Merritt Way as a public town way in the location ordered by the Select Board and depicted on a plan of land dated March 24, 2022 , prepared by Foresight Land Services, and entitled Easement Plan of 15 Feet Right-of-Way "Merritt Way", a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk as required by law, and further to authorize the Select Board to acquire, by gift, purchase, or eminent domain, rights in the land within the layout

sufficient to use said way for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of West Stockbridge, and to appropriate from certified free cash the sum of \$15,000 for the purpose of acquiring such rights and paying all costs incidental and related thereto, *or to take any other action relative thereto.*

Article 24: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from certified free cash the sum of \$7,100.00, for the purpose of purchasing and equipping new computers for the Police Department, including all incidental and related costs, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Article 25: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from certified free cash the sum of \$8,000.00 for the purpose of funding a traffic study on Great Barrington Road, including all incidental and related costs, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Article 26: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from certified free cash the sum of \$12,000.00 for the purpose of funding one new mower for the Department of Public Works, including all incidental and related costs, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Article 27: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from certified free cash the sum of \$58,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a new vehicle for the Police Department, including all incidental and related costs, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Article 28: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from certified free cash the sum of \$40,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a new truck for the Department of Public Works, including all incidental and related costs, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Article 29: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from certified free cash the sum of \$10,000.00 for the purpose of funding the design and engineering of the Town-owned property on Moscow Road, located near the Public Restrooms, including all incidental and related costs, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Article 30: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from certified free cash the sum of \$8,000.00 for the purpose of conducting a feasibility study for a possible road extension of Harris Street to Moscow Road, including all incidental and related costs, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Article 31: To see if the Town will vote to set aside the following amounts, to be held in reserve in the Community Preservation Fund to be set aside for FY2023 or later years, *or take any other action in relation thereto:*

Housing Reserve	\$11,079
Open Space Reserve	\$11,079
Historic Resources Reserve	\$11,079
Administrative Expenses	\$3,500

Article 32: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow the sum of \$295,439 for the purpose of funding a resurfacing of Maple View Drive, Smith Road, Woodruff Road and Wilson Road, and for the payment of all other incidental and related costs, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

[NOTE: The intent of this appropriation is to add available Town funds to our annual State highway funding to provide for the resurfacing of the Maple View Drive, Smith Road, Woodruff Road and Wilson Road paving project. (Requires 2/3rds vote to pass)

Article 33: To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote taken under Article 31 at the Annual Town Meeting of May 8, 2017, to appropriate an additional \$35,000 from certified free cash for the purpose of repairing the roof of the Town's Wastewater Treatment Plant including all incidental and related costs, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Article 34: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate certified free cash the sum of \$105,500 for the purpose of purchasing a rotating biological contactor unit for the Wastewater Treatment Plant, including all incidental and related costs, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

(NOTE: The intent is to replenish this amount with funds received from the American Rescue Plan Act awarded to the Town)

Article 35: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from certified free cash the sum of \$35,022 and appropriate the same amount to the Stabilization Fund, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Article 36: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from certified free cash the sum of \$35,022 and appropriate the same amount to the Capital Stabilization Fund, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Special Bylaw Articles

Article 37: To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 8 of the General Bylaws of the Town of West Stockbridge, entitled Community Preservation Committee, as on file and available for viewing in the Town Clerk's Office, as follows, *or take any other action in relation thereto:*

1. Section 8-1 Establishment, item A, by replacing the words "nine voting members" with "seven voting members".
2. Section 8-1 Establishment, item A-5, by deleting the entire wording and replacing it with the following;

"One individual with interest or expertise in Housing, appointed by the Select Board for an initial term of two years and thereafter for a term of three years."

3. Section 8-1 Establishment, item A-6, by deleting the entire paragraph and replacing it with the following;

"Two members of the general public, who are not Town employees or currently holding elected or appointed positions, as designated by the Select Board. One member will be appointed to an initial term of two years, and thereafter for a term of three years. The other member will be appointed for a three-year term."

Article 38: To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws of the Town of West Stockbridge, as on file and available for viewing in the Town Clerk's Office, by making several ministerial changes and typographical corrections, as follows, *or take any other action in relation thereto:*

All Chapters	All Sections	Change: Building Inspector To: Building Commissioner, in each instance in which it occurs
<u>Chapter</u> 1	<u>Section</u> 1-8	Non-Criminal Disposition Add to end of paragraph: Fee Schedule 1 st Offense \$50 2 nd Offense \$100 3 rd Offense \$300 And all subsequent offenses
20	20-1	Finances – Audit An audit of the accounts of the Town shall be made semi-annually <u>annually</u> beginning with the closure of Fiscal Year 1999 on June 30, 1999, as provided by M.G.L. c. 44, sec 35.
20	20-11	Finances – Collection of Parking Citations The Board of Selectmen <u>Select Board</u> shall appoint a hearings parking clerk, who shall hear all grievances and collect said fines.
45	45-1	Officers and Employees – Town Moderator Pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. c. 41, there shall elected be <u>elected</u> one Moderator for a term of one year.
45	45-13	Officers and Employees – Appointed Officers Add the following to the chart: Alternate Building Inspector 1 year Asst. Wire Inspector 1 year
65	65-1	Town Meeting – Date & Location of Annual Town Meeting The Annual Town Meeting shall be held on the first Monday evening in May of each year at the Village School Auditorium <u>Town Hall</u> .
65	65-11	Town Meeting – Warrant Closing Date Selectmen <u>Select Board</u> shall announce a date to close acceptance of any articles to appear on the Warrant for a Special Town Meeting and so notify the Town Clerk.
80	Title	Alarm Systems Replace the Title of “Alarm Systems” with “Emergency Alarm Systems”
80	80-1	Alarm Systems – Timing Device Required Delete this entire section “Timing Device Required”

- 80 80-3 (A) Alarm Systems – Permit Required; fees; revocation
The Select Board is hereby authorized ~~may authorize the Police Department to be the permit granting authority~~ to grant a revocable permit to any owner, lessee, or occupant of property located in the Town to operate, maintain, install or modify an automatic emergency alarm system.
- 95 95-1 Building Construction – Required
Said permits shall be issued by the ~~Select Board~~ Building Commissioner in multiple copies so that one may be given to the builder, one to the Assessor and the Finance Director, one to the Board of Health, one to the Planning Board and one to be filed by the Select Board.
- 95 95-6 Building Construction – Enforcement; violations and penalties
Failure to comply with this bylaw shall subject the offending property owner to a ~~fine not exceeding \$10.~~ fine as described in Chapter 1, section 1-8 per c. MGL 40, Sec. 21D.
- 180 Newspaper Dispensing Devices
Delete entire Chapter
- 240 240-2 Vehicles and Traffic – Notice of violation; penalties
Such violation may be punishable by a ~~fine of \$10.~~ fine as described in Chapter 1, section 1-8 per MGL c. 40, Sec. 21D.

Article 39: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaws of the Town of West Stockbridge, as on file and available for viewing in the office of the Town Clerk, as follows, *or take any other action in relation thereto:*

1. Correct the number of days for the Zoning Board of Appeals decisions from 120 to 100 in Section 7.6 to read as follows;

7.6 Decisions by the Board

The decision of the Board of Appeals shall be made within ~~120 days~~ 100 days after the date of filing of an appeal, applications or petition with the Town Clerk, except in regard to special permits as provided in Section 6.3 of this bylaw. Failure by the Board to act within said 100 days shall be deemed to be the grant of relief, application or petition sought, except in regard to special permits.

2. Delete the second sentence of the Zoning Bylaws, Chapter 127, section 11.1.1:

11.1.1

~~Any change to the Zoning Map of the Town or to the Table of Uses set forth in Section 4.11 of this bylaw shall be made only at an Annual Town Meeting and not at a Special Town Meeting.~~

[Note: This article requires a 2/3rds vote for approval]

Sewer and Water [The following articles have been approved by the Finance Committee]

Article 40: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$110,400 for the purpose of funding the FY 2023 Sewer Department Operation and Maintenance Budget to be offset, in full, by user receipts, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Article 41: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$74,450 for the purpose of funding the FY 2023 Water Department Operation and Maintenance Budget to be offset, in full, by user receipts, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Revolving Funds

Article 42: To see if the Town will vote, in accordance with the provisions of MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E½, to:

- (1) Amend the General Bylaws by establishing the following revolving funds, specifying the departmental receipts to be credited to the funds, the departmental programs or purposes for which the funds may be expended, and the entity authorized to expend the funds, such bylaw to provide as follows:

Revolving Fund	Authorized to Spend	Revenue Source	Use of Fund
Cemetery	Cemetery Commissioners	Fees and charges received from the sale of burial plots	Perpetual Care
Emergency Alarm	Emergency Alarm Inspector	Fees and charges received from inspections	Inspector salary
Gas	Gas Inspector	Fees and charges received from inspections	Inspector salary
Plumbing	Plumbing Inspector	Fees and charges received from inspections	Inspector salary
Wiring	Wire Inspector	Fees and charges received from inspections	Inspector salary
Oil Burning	Oil Burner Inspector	Fees and charges received from inspections	Inspector salary
Title V	Title V Inspector	Fees and charges received from inspections	Inspector salary
Parks and Recreation Department	Parks and Recreation Department	User fees and charges received from Parks and Recreation Department programs.	Equipment and events

Expenditures from each revolving fund set forth herein shall be subject to the limitation established annually by Town Meeting, or any increase therein as may be authorized in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E½.

- (2) And, also, pursuant to said MGL 44, Section 53E½ further, to vote to set the spending limits for fiscal year 2023, with such limits to be applicable from fiscal year to fiscal year unless Town

Meeting votes, prior to July 1, in any fiscal year, to increase or decrease the same for the upcoming fiscal year:

	<u>FY '22</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>FY '23</u>
Cemetery Commissioners	\$ 500	\$ 0	\$ 500
Emergency Alarm Inspector	\$ 500	\$ 0	\$ 500
Gas Inspector	\$ 1,000	\$ 0	\$ 1,000
Plumbing Inspector	\$ 500	\$ 0	\$ 500
Wire Inspector	\$ 2,000	\$ 0	\$ 2,000
Oil Burner Inspector	\$ 200	\$ 0	\$ 200
Title V Inspector	\$ 3,000	\$ 0	\$ 3,000
Parks and Recreation Fees	\$ 500	\$ 0	\$ 500
Total Revolving Fund	\$ 8,200	\$0	\$ 8,200

or take any other action in relation thereto.

[Approved by the Finance Committee]

Citizen Petition

Article 43: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the following changes to the Zoning Bylaws, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Section 9.1.1 (b) would be amended by adding the words in **RED** to read:

“It is the intent of these bylaws to enable small-scale and local marijuana-related business activity. For all districts, **except the MOD**, special permits for cultivation of marijuana may only be granted when the size and amount of cultivation for an individual or corporate entity does not exceed a “Tier One” scale of cultivation activity, presently defined by 935 CMR 500.000, except that a craft cooperative shall be limited to three noncontiguous cultivation sites in the Town of West Stockbridge, each of which is limited to a Tier 1 canopy (5,000 square feet). **In the MOD only, special permits for all Tiers for outdoor cultivation may be granted where the MOD overlays with areas of the preexisting Manufacturing District.**”

To address potential concerns about odor, Section 9.1.4 entitled “Outdoor cultivation of marijuana” would be amended by adding the following new subsection h.

h. Reasonable odor mitigation may be required as directed by the SPGA.

Finally, to effectuate these changes, all references in the Zoning Bylaws to the Marijuana Retail Overlay District or MROD would be changed to the Marijuana Overlay District or MOD (In Sections 3.1, where it is first used, 3.2.3 where it is first defined, 4.11 Table of Uses, Principal, 4.11 Table of Uses, Accessory, and 5.6 Table of Dimensional Requirements.) and in 4.11 Table of Uses number 38 and 39 under MOD would be changed from NO to SPP.

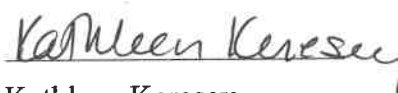
Article 44: To do and transact any other business necessary to be done by the Town.

Given under our hands this 24th day of March 2022.

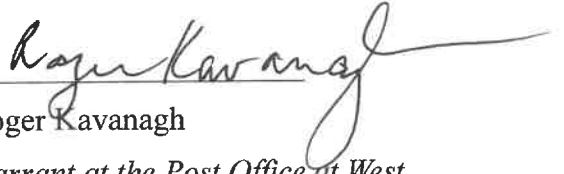
West Stockbridge Select Board



Eric Shimelonis, *Chair*



Kathleen Keresey



Roger Kavanagh

I hereby certify that I have posted and attested copies of this warrant at the Post Office at West Stockbridge, and at the public notice boards at State Line, West Center, Williamsville, and High Street as directed by vote of the Town of West Stockbridge.

Attested: _____, Constable

Date: _____